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**Travel** Mike Cleary takes the less traveled road to Clear Lake wineries [A5]

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CERRITO pool lifeguard Andrew Alabanza, 15, says the kids pool is closed because the bottom is so rough it hurts kids feet when you walk on it.

## Everybody out of the pool

Current and pending air work have closed most of the public facilities in El Cerrito and Albany  
By Kate Darby Rauch  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

It's midsummer, and there are plenty of swimming days left, for lounging, splashing and letting the youngsters to swim. That is, unless you want to go to public pools in Albany or El Cerrito. Summer swim season is in full bloom, but not

these veteran tanks of water. Old age caught up with them this year.

"It's very frustrating and inconvenient, we've been waiting and waiting," said Young Ha, an Albany mother of two and frequent user of the city pool.

Or former user.

Albany's pool, next to the high school on Portland Avenue and run by the school district, has been closed since March for major repairs. The work — new pump, filter and electrical systems — was expected to take about eight weeks. But that

turned into 12 weeks and finally about six months.

The more workers tinkered with the 50-year-old indoor facility, the more problems they found, said Walter Wallace, assistant school superintendent.

Much of the work is bringing the pool up to today's building and safety codes, he said.

The pool is slated to open by early September. The price tag for the improvements is about \$300,000.

"One of our concerns was to have it open and available to families for the summer. Unfor-

tunately, we're not there for them," Wallace said. The pool will also have a new deck, indoor heating and a paint job.

Meanwhile in neighboring El Cerrito, the city's deep pool is open and busy. But its shallow pool, a relatively large and popular heaven for tikes, has been dry as dust for months. It was closed last year because of maintenance problems, including chipping tiles that were cutting little feet.

Built in the 1960s, El Cerrito's swim center, at the community cen-

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## Albany police Sgt. completes FBI training

Steve McQuiston is the third member of the force to complete the rigorous training

By Matt Petersen  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The folks at the Albany Police Department were pleased to report the completion of one of their own from the prestigious FBI National Academy on June 8 — at the top of his class no less.

Steve McQuiston joins Chief Larry Damon and former Police Chief Ralph Jensen as the third graduate of the 10-week program held yearly at the U.S. Marine base in Quantico, Va.

McQuiston was one of five to receive a high accomplishment out of the class of 10 men and women from all 50 U.S. states

as well as Canada, Puerto Rico and 24 other countries.

The program offers advanced legal, investigative, management and fitness training over the two-and-a-half month span for selected officers with proven records as professionals within their agencies. As Chief Murdo is quick to point out, only 1 percent of law enforcement nationwide is allowed to attend the training and it's usually set aside for chiefs and lieutenants with 19 years of experience on average. McQuiston will have served 13 years on the force come December.

"(Sgt. McQuiston) and another sergeant are the next leaders of the force," said Murdo. The reason McQuiston was nominated was because, "I knew it was the best way for him to get the very best preparation possible," said Murdo.

The 37-year-old father of three has a quick smile and an easy laugh yet shows restraint when answering questions that might shine a little too much praise on himself. He says that it can be easy at times to become complacent in a job, and one of the perspectives that he brought back from his training is that there is always room for improvement.

"It's easy to lose the larger perspective and what (the academy) is all about is getting that perspective back," he said. "I'm a believer that (we) should be more in touch with what we do here. We shouldn't be afraid to challenge the status quo in police work."

McQuiston lived the "college dorm life" in Virginia with his days mainly spent in the classroom and studying in the library or his dorm room. He was ensconced daily in top-

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SGT. STEVE MCQUISTON completed training last month at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va. He is the Albany Police Department's third graduate of the 2 1/2-month training program.

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## C police move to extradite suspect from Oregon

By Leslie Fulbright  
STAFF WRITER

CERRITO — Police have an arrest but say they still have a motive in the July 22 killing of 22-year-old DeChavez and have not ruled out the kind of relationship suspect and victim had.

Brian Misquez, a 22-year-old Antioch resident, was taken into custody in Tigard — a Portland suburb — after El Cerrito police identified him by fingerprints and told Oregon authorities he was hiding at a friend's house there.

He was arraigned in Washington County Superior Court last Thursday on homicide and

carjacking charges.

DeChavez's sister found his body about 8 p.m. in the Waldo Avenue apartment she shared with him. He had stab wounds to his neck, chest and abdomen.

Police found Misquez's fingerprints at the crime scene. Their investigation led them to the Oregon home of his friend.

"We called him there and had

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## Friedman says he will run again

Pat Cafet and Letitia Moore have also taken out papers to run for El Cerrito City Council in November

By J.R. Deaton  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Councilman Mark Friedman said this week that he will seek reelection to the council this fall. "I am running for reelection," Friedman said Wednesday. "We've set a lot of exciting things in motion in El Cerrito and I want to be there to help shepherd them forward," he said.

"We have the beginnings of a whole new management team in the city and I'm excited about the new sense of dynamism that they've brought to the city," Friedman

said. "The projects that I'm very excited about are the possibility of a new civic center, implementing an economic development program and finishing the Swim Center."

Friedman has been a strong advocate of economic development in El Cerrito since he first joined the council in 1997. He was appointed in April of 1997 to complete the term of Councilwoman Mae Ritz. He won election to the post the following November and served as mayor in 2000. Friedman is executive director of the Alameda County Children and Families Commission.

Last week Councilwoman Gina Brusatori said she will seek reelection and Mayor Larry Damon said he will not. There are three council posts to be decided in the Nov. 6 election.

In addition to Friedman and

Brusatori, potential candidates who have requested filing forms from the city clerk's office include Pat Cafet and Letitia Moore. Cafet runs the city's NEAT program that provides residential emergency preparedness and response training. Moore is an attorney and city planning commissioner who would be making her second try for the council after an unsuccessful bid two years ago.

The nomination period to be a City Council candidate opened July 16 and runs through Aug. 10. The period will extend to Aug. 15 for non-incumbents if an incumbent does not file by the 10th. The term will be for three years in order to put the city on an even-year election cycle as approved by the council.

INFORMATION FOR LIFE

## WORTH CHECKING OUT

**'Against the Evil Eye'**

Koi Hadash, Northern California Community for Humanistic Judaism Sabbath, will speak Friday, July 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. in Albany, on "Against the Evil Eye: Magic and Folk Beliefs in Jewish Tradition," presented by Rose Levine, chairperson of the docent program, Magnes Museum, Berkeley. Info: KoiHadash@aol.com

**SF Improv at Eclectica**

SF Improv is performing at Cafè Eclectica, 1309 Solano Ave. in Albany on Saturday, July 28 at 8 p.m. Have a night cap along with some madcap Improvised comedy and musical theater, created on the spot by your suggestions. For details on the free improv show call 510-527-2344.

**Calling all Loises**

The next meeting of the Bay Area Lois Club, a local chapter of a national

group established for women named Lois, will be at 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, July 31 for a narrated one-hour day-cruise on the Red and White Fleet, Pier 43-1/2, next to Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco with lunch in the Fisherman's Wharf area and/or dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory, 62 Jack London Square(eastern end), in Oakland. For daycruise or dinner reservations, call Lois Lynch at 510-846-6254. All Loises and their guests are welcome. The Lois Club meets on the fifth Tuesdays, usually four times a year.

**Dinner/dance benefit**

Eric Adam-Toms, the son of postal employee and El Cerrito APWU Shop Steward Noel Toms, is in a coma in Kaiser Hospital from injuries sustained in a May 15 car collision in Rodeo on his way home from work. Adam-Toms, 18, was a month away from graduation at John Swett High School. El Cerrito postal employees

are sponsoring two dinner/dance fundraisers at the San Pablo Moose Lodge, 13233 San Pablo Ave. in San Pablo, to help meet the mounting costs of Eric Adam-Toms' injuries on Aug. 5 from 2-7 p.m. and features letter carrier Jun Simundo and his band. The cost is \$10 per person. Any donations from those who can't make it are also appreciated. They should be made out to Eric Adam-Toms, c/o Sanwe Bank, 777 Tenent Ave., Pinole, CA 94564. All funds raised will go to the Toms family. Details: 510-237-6124.

**Beginner's birdwalk**

Enjoy a free beginner's birdwalk at the Tilden Park Nature Area by Dave Zuckermann on Saturday from 8-10 a.m. Beginning birders, and others, are welcome for this cool-of-the-morning walk around Jewel Lake. Binoculars will be available for loan. Details: 510-525-2233.

**Lions Club honors Chamber manager**

The El Cerrito Lions Club has named Chamber of Commerce Manager Sewall Glinternick its 2000-01 "Lion of the Year."

Glinternick, a long-time member of the local service club, was honored for his work for more than 10 years on behalf of the organization. A past president of the local club, he has served as editor of the club's monthly bulletin for the past decade.

As Lion of the Year, Glinternick takes possession of a special permanent trophy featuring a large carved African lion mounted on a base containing the names of twelve past winners of the special title.

In the newspaper business all of his professional life as a reporter, owner and advertising director, Glinternick worked in the advertising department of Family Fair for a dozen years; nine of which he planned, sold and produced the Spring and Fall Roundup tabloids that raised thousands of dollars for the Chamber treasury.

Following the retirement of Del Wisenor, Glinternick took over as Chamber manager in July of 1994.

This year's Lion of the Year has a long and distinguished record of work on behalf of service organizations, having served as president of the Rockridge Lions Club in North Oakland and the Exchange Club in Colton, California.

While at the University of Minnesota he was winner of the Northwest Daily Publishers Scholarship, and was elected to membership in Sigma Delta Chi, the honorary journalism fraternity.

**It's time to RSVP**

Declaring that response to the Chamber's current fund drive is good but could be a lot better," Manager Sewall Glinternick urged members to RSVP to their "Invitations" as soon as possible.

The "invitation" in question offers everyone interested in the work of the Chamber to not attend a fund-raiser called the First Annual Summer non-dinner dance. Supporters are being invited to stay home, take it easy and send a donation to the Chamber's financially-pressed operating fund.

"Being forced to cancel this year's October Fiesta due to construction at El Cerrito Plaza, and not wanting to raise the dues," Glinternick ex-

**SEWALL GLINTERNICK**  
El Cerrito Chamber

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**CHAMBER MANAGER** Sewall Glinternick is winner of the El Cerrito Lions Club 2000-01 "Lion Of The Year" award.

plained, "we have decided to try to use this unusual way of giving our membership to voluntarily help replenish our dwindling operating fund."

The Chamber sincerely hopes everyone enjoys the humor of our 'invitation' and sends us a substantial check just as soon as possible."

Glinternick reported that this fund-raiser is open to any member of the community interested in the Chamber's efforts to improve things in El Cerrito: whether or not they got one of the "invitations."

Donations may be mailed to the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 538, El Cerrito, CA 94530 or dropped off at the Chamber office at 10848 San Pablo Avenue.

**New associate member**

The newest addition to the Chamber's roster of associate members is AC Transit.

In explaining why the transit agency was joining the Chamber at this time, AC Deputy General Manager Jim Gleich said, "We're the public transit agency that serves El Cerrito, and we appreciate the role the business community: through the Chamber: plays in developing and maintaining the vitality of the city. We want to become a full partner in the Chamber's successful effort to achieve that goal."

Glech, who plans to represent AC Transit in El Cerrito Chamber activities, went on to explain that many of the transit agency's 2,500 employees live in El Cerrito, so it's both vital and logical for AC Transit do what it can to make the town a

better place to live and work.

"Besides," he added, "as active Chamber members we will be in the best position to determine the needs and desires of the people in El Cerrito in our continuing effort to serve the residents of this city."

**Still more reinvestments**

In the past few weeks two individuals and one local firm extended their membership in the Chamber for another year.

Praised by the Chamber leadership for their continued support were Klem Schmidt, Fire Chief Mark Scott and Staples.

**Local firms lauded**

Celebrating Culture & Community, an associate Chamber member, publicly thanked several local businesses and groups this week for their support of last month's Sister Cities Parade and Multicultural Festival.

Among those praised for their support were the Mechanics Bank, Music Works, Black, Brown, Lanier and Jackson, Cerrito Printing, East Bay Sanctuary Co., El Cerrito Veterans Association, West County Times, Kung Fu USA and Windrush School.

**Chamber member honored**

Chamber of Commerce member Blaine Davis, the El Cerrito representative for the Edward Jones financial services firm, recently won the company's coveted Ted Jones Prospecting Award which recognizes first year investment representatives who achieve high levels of success.

"I'm very proud to receive an award named after Ted Jones, who established our firm's one-person branch office concept," Davis said in accepting the award. "It is because of him that our El Cerrito office exists to serve the need here for one-on-one investment information."

In presenting David his award at a recent Edward Jones regional meeting John Bachmann, the firm's managing partner, lauded Davis for the success he achieved in his first year with Edward Jones and praised the local Chamber member for his performance and dedication.

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## POLICE REPORTS

**Two visitors arrested for assault**

By K. Osborn  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — At about 11:30 p.m. on July 16 officers stopped a white '99 Hyundai for erratic driving. The driver, a 62-year-old El Cerrito man, was found to be intoxicated. He failed the Field Sobriety Test with a score of .13/.12. He was arrested, cited and held to be released when sober.

■ At about 1:45 a.m. on July 17 officers responded to the 500 block of Jackson Street on reports of a woman being hit by two other women during an argument. Officers contacted the group and found that the two attackers were visiting from France. According to the report, the three began arguing and it escalated to violence with the two French women hitting the Albany woman. Officers arrested the two French women, ages 31 and 48, for battery and transported them to the Marshall's Office.

■ On the morning of July 17 a resident on the 1100 block of Dartmouth Street reported that during the night thieves broke into her blue '88 Oldsmobile and stole items. There were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of July 17 a man reported that his daughter had been assaulted on the 900 block of Masonic Avenue at about 3:45 p.m. while walking home from school. The girl described her attacker as a white male juvenile, about 15 years old, 5-foot-5, with a skinny build, wearing a dark blue helmet and dark blue knit long-sleeve sweater with a green horizontal stripe. He was gone when officers responded to the scene.

■ On the morning of July 18 a resident on the 1100 block of Talbot Avenue reported that during the night thieves broke into his red '94 Mercury and prowled the interior. There were no witnesses.

■ On the evening of July 19 a resident reported that her gray '91 Toyota Camry had been stolen while parked near the BART path on Brighton Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of July 20 a resident on the 1100 block of Garfield Street reported that thieves had broken into his home while he was asleep. He did not see that anything had been taken and the intruder departed unseen.

■ At about 2 a.m. officers responded to the 400 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of a woman causing a disturbance.

Officers contacted the 33-year-old San Leandro woman and found she had an outstanding warrant from Oakland for disorderly conduct. She was arrested, cited and released with a Notice

to Appear.

■ At about 3 p.m. on July 20 officers responded to the 800 block of Solano Avenue on reports of a robbery. The subject was described as a black male wearing a blue sweatshirt, a black baseball cap and sunglasses. The subject fled the scene.

■ On the morning of July 21 a resident on the 900 block of Solano Avenue reported that his white '86 Chevrolet Caprice parked in front of his home. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of July 19 a resident on the 600 block of Adams Street reported that his silver Mercury had been "keyed" by someone.

■ At about 8:30 p.m. on July 20 a resident on the 800 block of Solano Avenue reported that a man was intoxicated and caused a disturbance by swearing and shouting.

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■ In the domestic arena, officers responded to four standoffs, eight civil disturbances and 57 civil calls. Officers stopped 115 cars and issued 121 summonses.

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■ On July 5 at 4 p.m. a man tried to cash a stolen check at the Bank of America on San Pablo Avenue. The suspect, a 40-year-old San Pablo man, fled the bank after attempting to cash the check.

■ On July 4 at 11 a.m. somebody entered the service door of the J.R. Muggs coffee shop on San Pablo Avenue and stole a purse. There were no witnesses. Property loss was estimated at \$50.

■ On July 4 at 6:15 p.m. in the parking lot of the Guitar Center on San Pablo Avenue an unknown suspect stole a wallet from the hands of a 33-year-old Alameda woman. The thief made his escape on a bicycle.

■ On the morning of July 5 police received a report of arson. Somebody had set fire to newspapers on the north side walkway of the Senior Center on Stockton Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ On July 5 at 7:49 a.m. it was reported that somebody had stolen mail, including a check, from the mailbox of a Lassen Street house. There were no witnesses to the crime.

■ On July 5 between 10:45 a.m. and 2 p.m. somebody burglarized a house in the 5700 block of Charles Avenue. The burglar apparently broke the rear bathroom with a garden tool from a storage shed to gain entrance.

■ On July 5 between 10:45 a.m. and 2 p.m. somebody scratched the right rear side of a 2000 Chevrolet Corvette parked in the 900 block of Elm Drive. There were no entry or property loss and no witnesses. Cost to repair the damage was estimated at \$1,000.

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# Advocates want funding for low-income student bus pass

By Tom Lochner  
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**EL CERRITO** — Advocates of free bus passes for students rallied in front of El Cerrito High School on Monday, urging students to tell their parents and clergy to attend Wednesday's Metropolitan Transportation Commission meeting in Oakland to demand funding.

"This is history in the making. See how government works for you," State Assemblywoman Dion Aroner, D-Berkeley, told a crowd of about 100 summer school students studying government and world history, among other subjects.

Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson and Aroner want the MTC to cough up \$12 million for a three-year pilot program to provide free bus passes to middle and high school students in the AC Transit district who are eligible for free or subsidized school lunches.

Last week the El Cerrito City Council voted unanimously to support the proposal.

Councilwoman Janet Abelson talked about the benefits of the program earlier this week. "This will help children reach their full potential," she said. "When they don't have the opportunity to go to school and learn they don't have the opportunity to reach their full potential."

She pointed out that local prop-

erty values, and the resulting tax base, should improve as students in the district do better and the school district improves test scores. "Our property values are partly a function of our school system," she noted.

"You could get into what kids then might do if they aren't in school," Abelson added. "There are so many ways to look at this that all point towards the need to have this kind of a program." She also noted that money to fund the pilot program would come from transportation funds and not from the city's budget.

The AC Transit District extends from Pinole to Fremont. Gioia and Carson estimate that 30,000 students would be eligible for free passes.

High fares force many poor families to choose between putting food on the table or sending their kids to school, Gioia, Carson and Aroner say.

Now, students pay \$27 for monthly bus passes. Single-trip fares are \$1.35, plus 25 cents for a transfer.

Flanked by a coterie of transit officials, transit advocates, social services activists and ministers, several students related misadventures caused by high fares: walking two miles to and from school; forgoing an after-school program; and having to walk home after football practice because a transfer bought on the way there had expired.

Zanendra Bradley, 15, a 10th-grader from Hercules, thought even a discount would be a step up. "Elementary kids can get the yellow bus. Why can't we get the AC Transit for 50 cents?" she asked.

Teacher Darilyn Washington said free bus passes would provide relief to her and her colleagues as well.

"Students are always asking us to lend/give them bus money," Washington said. "You don't expect to get it back."

MTC Chairwoman Sharon Brown agrees with the premise behind the free passes but doesn't think the money is available. Because it covers a nine-county region, the MTC must do what is "regionally equitable," she said.

In 1999, West County school officials noted that attendance at the district's middle schools dropped off toward the end of every month because families have less money for bus fares.

Not only does children's education suffer, but school budgets lose state funds allocated by daily attendance. A 1999 West County school district study estimated the district's four middle schools lost a total of almost \$150,000 in the first six months of the 1998-99 school year because students missed school because of transportation problems.

J.R. Deaton contributed to this report.



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MEMBERS OF Brownie Troop 1794 (left to right) Karin Allen, co-leader Sheila Erickson, Emily Murphy, Kaia Morrow, Corey Chin, Vanlyda In, Theresa Aller, Charlotte Perry-Houts, Zoe Pollak, Kioma Palkhivala, co-leader Julie Allen, Erika Jauregui, Rachel Erickson, and Melia Ungson.

## Brownie troop helps SchoolCARE effort

**ALBANY** — The third grade girls of Girl Scout Brownie Troop 1794 recently decided to contribute the funds left over in their troop coffers to SchoolCARE.

Co-leaders Julie Allen and Sheila Erickson asked the girls how they would like to distribute the year's remaining funds.

The Brownies enthusiastically suggested SchoolCARE, the effort to raise money to pay for things in Albany schools which

were eliminated due to budget cuts.

Along with Troop 1794, many Albany community members are contributing to the SchoolCARE effort.

Already over \$150,000 has been raised and promised to the school district for restoring performing arts and science at the elementary schools, counseling and after school sports at the middle school, and several course

sections at the high school in the fall. The group is working toward a goal of \$10,000 more by Aug. 1 in order to complete the major items from each school's "wish list."

To contribute, mail your check to: 1563 Solano Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94707. To contribute by credit card, or for more information, visit: [www.AlbanySchoolCARE.org](http://www.AlbanySchoolCARE.org).

## Sharks, Jets return in 'West Side Story'

**EL CERRITO** — Contra Costa Civic Theatre continues its performance of "West Side Story," based on the book by Arthur Laurents, with music by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.

Performances, under the direction of Kathleen Ray, are July 29 and Aug. 9.

The musical, an adaptation of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," is set in New York City, where rival street gangs battle for territory and respect. A romance develops between two teens from those rival gangs.

Tickets are \$15 general and \$6 for youths 16 and under.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre is at 951 Pomona Ave.

For reservations call 510-524-9132. For group sales, call 510-524-6654.

CATHERINE SCHUTZ/CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
IN THE CCCT production  
Danielle DuBois plays Anita and  
Michael F. Ortiz plays Bernardo.



## Young actors staging 'Fiddler on the Roof'

Campers from Albany-based Stage Door Conservatory's "On Broadway" program for grades 5-9 will be performing "Fiddler on the Roof, Jr." this summer. The campers have been working since July 2 on learning all aspects of musical theater from acting, singing, and dancing to creating their own sets and props.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 10; at 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 11-12, at the Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave. in Berkeley. Tickets are available at the door: \$12 for adults and \$8 for children, students with valid ID, and seniors. Call 510-527-5939 for more information.

The performers from Albany: Hannah Kramer (Avram) is entering fifth grade at Marin Elementary; Rachel Ranney (Hodel) is entering seventh grade at Albany Middle School; Jane Bobet (Yente, Herschel), Lauren Ford

(Shprintze, Rivkah, Yacob), Elena Murphy (Constable), Ben Sandberg (Tevye), Jonathan Sandberg (Lazar Wolf), and Laura Smith-Heimer (understudy for Goide) are entering eighth grade at Albany Middle School; and "Backstage" Theater Apprentice Athalia Markowitz (Stage Manager/Assistant Director) will be entering 12th grade at Albany High School.

Kensington resident Lisa Aultman (Perchik) is entering eighth grade at Portola Middle School.

If your neighborhood would like to participate, or you would like more information, contact Scott McCormick at 510-237-2852; police Detective Robert De La Campa at 510-215-4422 or Kiy Katsumoto at 510-234-8704.

Join Friends of Five Creeks in removing brush to make a new trail along Cerrito Creek, 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25. Bring work gloves and clippers if you have

them. Meet at Creekside Park (south end of Belmont Street), El Cerrito. Details: 510-848-9358, [fivescreeks@aol.com](http://fivescreeks@aol.com), [www.fivecreeks.org](http://www.fivecreeks.org).

## Housing assistance for disabled, elderly

Contra Costa County residents who want to apply for a state-sponsored program that offers financial housing assistance to the disabled and elderly can pick up an application at one of state Sen. Tom Torlakson's three district offices, the senator has announced.

Forms for the annual Homeowners and Renters Assistance Program can be found at the senator's district office at 2801 Concord Blvd. in Concord, at the Dublin satellite office at 100 Civic Plaza in Dublin, and the joint governmental center at 420 West Third St. in Antioch.

"Due to increased state funding, the homeowners and renters assistance will allow for a one-time, 150 percent increase in assistance payments for senior citizens, as well as for blind or disabled individuals," a spokeswoman for Torlakson said.

The state Franchise Tax Board provides the financial assistance in the form of a check and the refund is based on household income scale."

Details: 925-602-6593.

## Cerrito Creek work party

Join Friends of Five Creeks in removing brush to make a new trail along Cerrito Creek, 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25. Bring work gloves and clippers if you have

## CCCT needs carpentry, construction volunteers

Carpentry and construction volunteers turn raw materials into beautiful sets for shows at Contra Costa Civic Theatre in El Cerrito. The nonprofit community theater, now in its 41st year, is recruiting set construction directors for one or more shows per year.



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# Opinion

## VIEWPOINT

### California's new crime wave

■ How to protect yourself against identity theft

By Bill Lockyer

CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL

**D**espite historic lows in violent crime rates, Californians today are more at risk than ever of becoming victims of crime. The fastest growing crime wave in our state and America today is the crime of identity theft. An estimated 750,000 Americans per year are victims of identity theft schemes, up from 40,000 in 1992 — an 18-fold increase.

What makes identity theft so devastating is the ease with which criminals can perpetrate the offense and the enormous damage that can be inflicted upon its victims. Thieves can steal wallets, snatch your mail with your bank and credit card statements, complete a "change of address form" to divert your mail to another location, "dumpster dive" for personal data and access personal information you share on the Internet. Once in possession of your identifying details, scammers can use your credit card or open up a new account. They can drain your bank account, establish phone or wireless service, file for bankruptcy, counterfeit checks or debit cards and take out loans — all in your name. For victims, the trauma and hassle associated with restoring your credit, clearing your name or, in some cases, escaping criminal prosecution can take an average of two years to complete.

My office is coordinating the work of five regional Hi-Tech Task Forces throughout the state to investigate and prosecute identity theft. We are also developing new Identity Theft prosecution units to work with these task forces. But, the single most effective way to fight identity theft is for you to prevent criminals from accessing your personal information.

Taking the following steps will help protect you against identity theft:

Never give out your Social Security number, except when absolutely necessary, such as to your employer.

Do not give out personal information on the phone,

through the mail or over the Internet unless you have initiated the contact or know the individual or organization.

Before giving personal data to a company, ask how the information will be used, whether it will be transferred to third parties (mailing lists) and if you can keep your information confidential.

If your bills don't arrive on time, follow up with creditors. An identity thief may have taken over your credit card account and changed your billing address.

Review bank and credit card statements each month for fraudulent activity. If anything is amiss, immediately report the problem to your bank or credit card company.

Periodically order your credit report from the three major credit reporting agencies and check for accuracy.

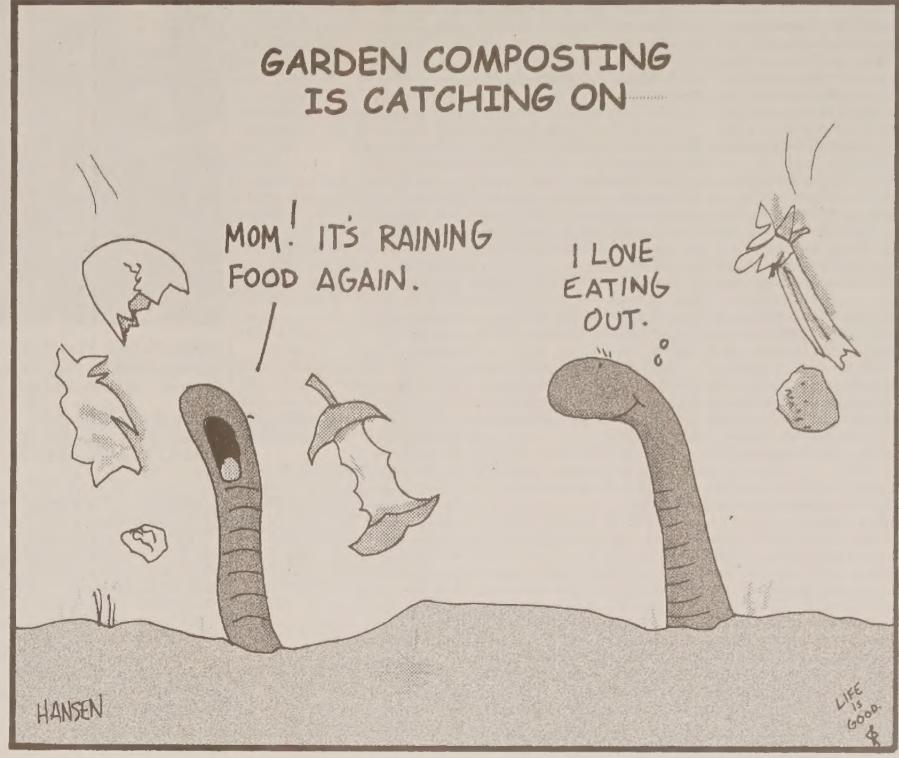
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Put passwords on your credit card, bank and phone accounts.

Buy a shredder, and use it.

If you should become a victim of identity theft, contact law enforcement and complete a crime report. Report the theft to the three major credit reporting agencies, and ask that your accounts be flagged. Contact all creditors with whom your name has been used fraudulently — by phone and in writing. Document and date all your efforts. Continue to check your credit card bills and credit reports. You should also contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at 877-IDTHEFT to file a complaint. If you are wrongfully prosecuted for criminal charges due to identity theft, contact the California Department of Justice and the FBI and obtain information on how to clear your name. For civil charges, contact the court where the judgment was entered.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Stop the recall

Besides our professional pursuits, some of us answer a call to the community through volunteerism.

I choose to provide youth recreational venues in baseball and football programs — probably 900 hours a year in the last several years. And I know that 35 of my 52 weekends are taken up by my work with youths. The real satisfaction comes from touching the lives of 7- to 15-year-olds and knowing you may have done something to keep them out of risk.

Other folks run for City Council, sit on advisory committees, raise funds, coach, and the like. All such people have one thing in common: They hold true the simple philosophy that participation in the privileges of society precludes participation in the responsibilities, as well.

All endeavors that touch children rise to a higher level. Teachers, for example — the primary career path with volunteerism built right in — fit that description.

In my volunteer efforts I've learned that the more you do, the more they will expect. And don't be looking for praise and acknowledgement. Your efforts must be selfless.

My point? Although I feel teaching is a higher calling, the professionals who choose that field must also earn enough to survive.

Therefore, when I see this in-fighting between teachers and the Albany school board members, it really bothers me. I propose the Albany teachers, whom I support, reflect on the fact that the school board members volunteer their time on that board. By attempting a recall of those volunteers, the concept of volunteerism is undermined.

This recall business must stop now. Besides being an embarrassment to Albany, our first consideration must be our kids' welfare.

Mike Adney  
Albany

#### We must conserve

People don't know fluorescent lights use 20 percent of the energy used by regular light bulbs; that electric cars use 50 percent of the energy used by internal-combustion cars.

They don't know standard air-conditioning uses 10 times more energy than water-evaporation coolers; that all these old, standard technologies produce a lot of environmental heat, one of the causes of global warming.

People don't know burning of octane puts eight times more greenhouse gas in the atmosphere than burning natural gas. High-carbon fuels such as heating oil, diesel and coal are far worse.

Even if they do know all of this, they will only reduce their energy usage if their indulgence becomes too painful, financially, to keep it up.

A gas and electricity pricing structure (baseline usage and over-baseline usage) is already in place but it doesn't induce conservation because the price difference

is too small. The over-baseline unit prices should be three or four times higher than the baseline unit price. Only then will people turn off lights, moderately heat or cool only one or two rooms of the house, only use dryers in emergencies, keep refrigerators on a low setting, etc.

As for gasoline, diesel, heating oil and coal, a hefty carbon-tax will result in lesser usage of these products and induce people to switch to less polluting systems. The more carbon there is in a fuel, the higher the tax will be. Yes, \$4 a gallon for gas and \$6 a gallon for diesel is no fun, but it will, in 10 years time, make our cities livable again.

These conservation measures will be fought, hand and foot, by the energy corporations that only want us to buy more energy at a higher price and a bigger profit margin for themselves. But the people, by reducing their usage of energy, have it in their power to turn a situation of excessive demand and high prices into one of excessive supply and lower prices.

The consumer is all powerful if he can liberate himself from his own wasteful habits.

And, if you care about global warming, press for a carbon tax and plant a tree. Trees inhale greenhouse gas, exhale oxygen, give shade and are pretty. Trees are our best friends.

Jan H. Visser  
Berkeley

#### Commendable support in breast cancer fight

On behalf of Avon Products Inc. and the Avon Breast Cancer Crusade, I would like to thank the citizens of Berkeley and the surrounding communities for their support and involvement in the San Francisco Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day. The tremendous outpouring of support through time, effort and donations is truly commendable: nearly 3,000 people will walk 60 miles over three days and hundreds of local volunteers will help them along on their journey. In addition, tens of thousands of people will donate to the cause, and the end result will net millions of dollars for the fight against breast cancer.

From July 27-29, thousands of compassionate women and men will participate in this three-day, 60-mile walk from San Jose to San Francisco. This extraordinary undertaking will raise money and awareness for breast cancer programs nationwide, including biomedical research, clinical care, financial assistance and support services, educational seminars and non-profit, community-based breast health programs, with a focus on medically underserved women. The San Francisco event is one of nine Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day fundraising walks taking place across the country this year.

Since the inaugural Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day in 1998 through the 2000 series, the fundraising walks have generated net proceeds of \$65 million to fund access to care and finding a cure for breast cancer.

Nationwide people in cities like San Francisco are making a difference.

The breast cancer fight is of vital importance. Breast cancer continues to be the leading form of cancer for women ages 40-55. All women are at risk. The best chance for successful treatment still lies with early detection, and the American Cancer Society recommends women follow these steps: annual mammograms beginning at age 40, annual breast exams by a medical professional beginning at age 20, and monthly breast self exams beginning at age 20.

For more details on the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day or to pledge financial support, please call toll-free at 888-3DAY-AVON or visit our Web sites at [www.avoncancer3day.org](http://www.avoncancer3day.org) and [www.avoncrusade.com](http://www.avoncrusade.com).

Kathleen Walas  
President, Avon Products Foundation  
and walker in five Avon Breast Cancer 3-Days

#### Possible solutions

There are now in place several state programs intended to manage the financial problems of PG&E, Socal Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric.

What follows is an attempt to analyze the problems and to suggest an alternative solution.

Current demand exceeds supply. The current problem arose because the state's attempt at deregulation placed a cap on retail prices but none on wholesale prices. The state is now putting in place increased price caps; but these are still price caps. Price caps are price controls, which always fail to allow supply to increase.

The present poor state of utility finances is due to the price caps, which prevented the utilities from recovering their costs because users paid less than the market rate for the services. Therefore, users benefited financially from the price caps.

Having the state make the utilities whole will use current taxpayer dollars and will include the cost of interest on any money borrowed, plus state employee costs. This use of our dollars will require either new taxes or neglecting basic needs.

The state's efforts have failed and will continue to do so and we user-taxpayers ultimately become responsible for the problems.

An alternative approach would be to remove all price caps. Since we will have to pay in any case, remove the state from the scenario and permit the marketplace to solve the supply-and-demand issue.

Permit the utilities to collect from user-taxpayers what they should have paid — based on their records of individual usage — from the time the price caps were put in place. This can be done by placing surcharges on current bills in a manner to minimize the impact.

This would enable the utilities to borrow against the income stream and alleviate their current financial difficulties.

George Amberg  
El Cerrito

### YMCA plays important role in Albany child care

By Gail Drulis

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALBANY YMCA

As a parent of a child in Kids' Club and the Executive Director of the Albany YMCA, I am writing in response to the article "Marin Parents Caught in Care Dilemma" in the July 20 Journal.

As I read through the article, I was troubled that no one from the Albany YMCA was interviewed for the article; therefore I am writing this letter to clarify information about our Kids' Club program.

Historically speaking the Albany YMCA has been partnering with the Albany School District for more than 20 years to provide quality, affordable and convenient before- and after-school childcare to students enrolled in Albany schools.

Not only as the executive director, but also as a parent of a child in the program, I have witnessed firsthand the good work

the staff at the Albany YMCA Kids' Club does in providing a safe, educational and nurturing environment for my child. The Albany YMCA Kids' Club is a licensed program through the state of California. The teachers often referred to as Site Coordinators and Recreation Coordinators, do have early childhood education units and have documented experience working with children. The Albany YMCA operates Kids' Club at a 1:8 or 1:10 ratio. Also the Albany YMCA assumes the entire financial and logistical burdens of running the program.

The proposed expansion of the Albany Children's Center should be evaluated in the context of the whole community's needs, and with full and open discussions among all of the District's partners in serving Albany.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

# Students Letterman show appearance was for the birds

MARTIN SNAPP  
Snapp Shots

Who does David Letterman think he is?

For the fourth straight year, Piedmont High School birdcallers flew to New York to appear on "The Late Show" on July 16. But for the past year, only four students got on the show.

Minutes before air time, David and Rachel Wino were told they wouldn't be on. It was a big disappointment for their parents and grandparents, who had made the trip to witness their big moment.

Finally, Rachel and Jill were the winners of this year's competition — a fact Letterman was unaware of, because he was surprised when the first students who did appear on the show — Sarah Heilbron and Jared DiMartini — told him they weren't among the three finishers in the competition.

"I found out that the winners are on Leno's show, I'm going to kill myself," he said in chagrin, getting a big laugh from the audience. But when we came offstage, they were smiling and laughing. "Oh my God! You guys are great!" says Erin Riley, who was chosen to be on the show with her friend, Lena Bergon. "I didn't want to be on their moment," Rachel explained later. "If I had been chosen, I wouldn't have wanted anyone to mine."

But perhaps I'm being too hard on Dave. After all, he did bring up the birdcallers after my Carson retired. (Carson

They flew to New York separately. Sarah arrived first, on Saturday, which enabled her to take in a couple of Broadway shows: "Aida" and "The Music Man."

Jared arrived next — all the way from Spain. The Letterman producers had originally selected Cody Craig to fill the "boy" slot, but when he declined due to schedule conflicts, they had to scramble to find a substitute until they finally tracked down Jared in Spain, where he was vacationing.

Lena, Rachel and Jill arrived on Sunday. Erin didn't arrive until Monday morning, the day of the show.

Reason: She's currently appearing in the Piedmont Light Opera's production of "Kiss Me Kate," and couldn't miss the Sunday matinee. So she took the redeye flight late Sunday night and arrived bleary-eyed in New York, at 10 a.m.

There was only time for Erin to catch a half-hour nap before a Letterman staffer arrived at 12:30 to take them to the Ed Sullivan Theater for the dress rehearsal.

For Sarah and Jared, it was a cakewalk; they already knew they were as good as in. But for the two pairs, Lena & Erin and Jill & Rachel, this was make or break time: One pair would be in and one pair would be out.

Letterman only wants three acts, and they have to fit a tight, pre-determined demographic profile: one boy, one girl, and one duet.

This year, Letterman's staff selected Jared DiMartini as the boy, Sarah Heilbron as the girl, plus two duets: Jill & Rachel and Lena & Erin, one of which would be cut at the last minute.

"We decided to have me shake her because her hair is longer," explains Lena. "It made a great visual effect."

But they all had to sweat it out a few more hours, because the final thumbs-up/thumbs-down wouldn't come until just before the show itself.

So they killed time by lunching at the Stage Door Deli ("enormous amounts of food at extremely enormous prices," says Sarah) and shopping for stockings for Sarah so she wouldn't catch cold in Letterman's notoriously freezing studio.

At 4:15 it was back to the Ed Sullivan Theater. The show would start in 45 minutes, at 5:30. Finally, they'd find out.

5 p.m. came and went, but no word. Only 15 minutes to air time. Erin turned to Rachel and Jill and said, "Listen, I just want you to know that if you get picked and we don't, I'll still be happy for you guys."

"Me too!" Jill and Rachel replied, almost in unison. "I want you to know that we're still the same way!" At 5:20, a producer named Matt Roberts stuck his head in the door and said, "Did Celia (another producer) tell you who's on the show?" "No," they said.

"Oops," he said. "I'm really sorry about that. OK, here it is. We want you to know that we really loved you all, and this isn't any reflection on any of you..." (Meanwhile, they were all thinking, "Forget the apologies! Get on with it! Tell us!") Finally, he got to the point: Sarah, Jared, Lena and Erin were in; Rachel and Jill were out.

So Jill and Sarah waited backstage while the others were fitted out with portable microphones. One of the technicians chided Sarah because she wore a different dress than she had at the dress rehearsal,

and this one didn't have any pockets.

"You changed your dress!" he wailed. "Where am I going to put the power pack for the mike?" He finally settled for the small of her back, right against her skin. "It was freezing!" she says.

Then it was time. Sarah was scheduled to go on first. Stage manager Biff Henderson said, "Go!" And out she went.

Trouble was, Letterman read the wrong cue card and said, "Our first birdcaller is Jared Di-Martini" And he kept addressing her as Jared throughout their conversation, until she finally set him straight. "I'm actually Sarah Heilbron," she said. They went on to some very funny give-and-take, and Sarah gave as good as she got.

Then Jared — the real one this time — came on. Then Lena and Erin. Letterman pretended to be relieved when Lena told him they were the second-place winners in this year's contest.

"We won second place last year, too," added Erin.

"How come you weren't on the show last year?" he asked. "You didn't invite us," she replied sweetly.

The audience roared; but inside, Erin was thinking, "Oh no! I sound like such a brat!" Then the show was over, and they all went to an expensive Italian restaurant in midtown Manhattan, with instructions to send the bill to the Letterman show.

Rachel, Lena and Sarah all independently used the same word to describe the food: "mediocre."

"The entrees were blah," says Sarah. "And there was some hideous green thing for dessert that tasted worse than it looked."

"The funny thing is that we

went out on our own to a really, really cheap Italian place in the Village the night before," adds Lena, "and the food was unbelievably great — which is good news for me, because I'm going to NYU next year."

Then it was back to the hotel, where they all changed into their P.J.'s and piled into Lena's room to watch the show at 11:30.

"We were so giddy by that time," says Sarah, "we thought everything was absolutely hilarious. We couldn't stop laughing at Jared. He was so funny."

The next morning, Jared flew back to Spain; Jill flew back to Minnesota, where she's been attending camp for the summer; and the rest flew back to Oakland.

It was an uneventful flight for most, but Lena and Erin were recognized by a flight attendant as soon as they boarded the plane.

"I saw you last night on David Letterman!" he screamed. At his urging, the other flight attendants, passengers and crew crowded into the back of the cabin to listen to Lena and Erin performing their call, the European Wigeon, to resounding cheers. Then they made the girls encore with their call from last year, the Marbled Godwit.

As for Jill and Sarah, they're already swallowing their disappointment about not getting on Letterman this year and making plans to get on the show next year. (After all, they are the defending birdcalling champions.) They'll be back, and so will their rooting section. "If they're back next year," says Jill's grandmother, Josie Little, "I'll be back, too."

Phone Martin Snapp at 510-273-9039 or e-mail him at [catman@california.com](mailto:catman@california.com).

up your wine tour. Just a few doors down from Wildhurst is the Saw Shop Gallery and Bistro (707-278-0129). It was just a gallery featuring local

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This is a good spot to wind

up your wine tour. Just a few doors down from Wildhurst is the Saw Shop Gallery and Bistro (707-278-0129). It was just a gallery featuring local

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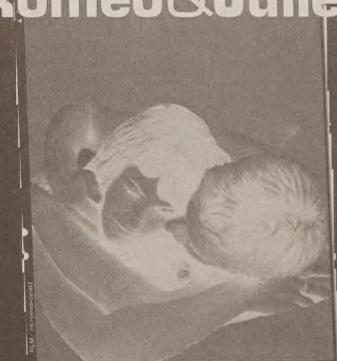
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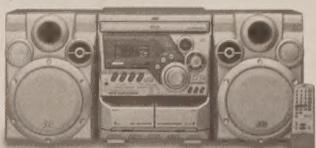
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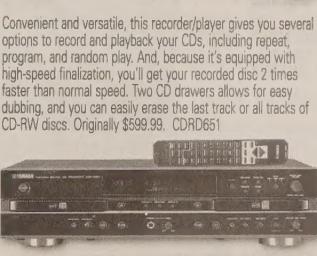
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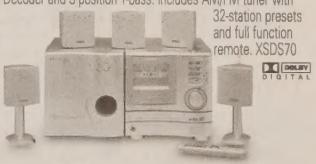
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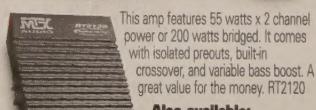


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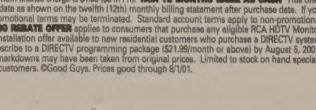
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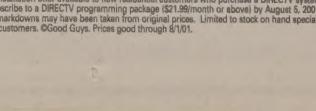
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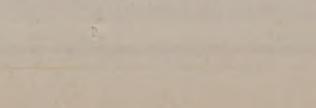
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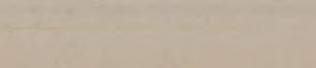
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# Mixing finance, creating art colors one man's experience

**J**ohn Dawson always liked to draw, but although he gave it an idle thought now and then, he never did make art a serious part of his education. So when he woreart of his banking career it was almost with surprise that he realized what he really wanted to be was an artist.

And it was almost delighted shock when he discovered acrylics, only about a year and a half ago, and understood that this was his medium.

One of the wonderful things about acrylic painting is the ability to use color as it appears in no other medium — vibrant, brilliant color. Dawson says he tried watercolors but found them uninspired. And that is what you see when you enter the exhibit in the atrium of the Albany Community Center: the vivid, vibrant color in his paintings.

Not having taken the art

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classes does leave John Dawson with some blanks in his knowledge, but he finds they are being filled in by mentors, such as the artist who called him to comment on his paintings in the exhibit, and gave him background on the canvases and how to prepare them. Fortunately, Dawson has found that you can buy them already primed. But it is this kind of knowledge that comes to him through fellow artists and interested people that he treasures.

Dawson has another talent which he should not neglect. His use of the English language is delightful, and he has a turn of phrase that is endearing. For instance, in his "artist's statement" he writes: "I have spent much of my alleged adult life

working as an officer/manager in large institutional banks with a client base of investment managers and mutual funds. With boundless empathy and social conscience, I dedicated the first ten years out of college assisting underprivileged wealthy people invest their money."

Born in Grand Rapids, Mich., Dawson grew up in Jackson, Mich., "a very economically depressed town in the rust belt, with everything closed down" with the exception of the world's largest maximum security prison. When he went to Ann Arbor he considered going to art school, but really didn't feel a calling. So he graduated in Economics. He says he "had a lot of fun" in college, mentioning college football and interning during the summer. He interned with, and then got a job with the big banking conglomerate, Chase Manhattan, in the private bank-

ing department, "which, if nothing else gave me a very thick skin." And he adds, "I still encourage people to tell me what they really think of my paintings."

He tried living in New York, but despised it. "I couldn't achieve the emotional level of so much misery." When his company offered him a transfer to San Francisco he took it immediately. Again I quote him:

"You see, California was an almost mythical place of extra bright and hairy color contrasts to those of us growing up in the rust belt (sort of like Camelot without Richard Harris singing), the place where they held the Rose Bowl, from where Hobie Cats, movies and presidents came. The television presented cartoonish Disney-like images of mountains, sand, ocean and oversized novelty pine trees called 'redwoods', all situated in a locale where the

weather was rarely 'plague-like'. As a result, my mind amalgamated this strange land into a collage that simultaneously defied domestic convention and physical laws in a sensory sponge bath and dopamine flood; becoming a place of surplus rainbows, one which no single color spectrum could ever contain."

And he adds: "Though I've lived here for nearly a decade, I am still routinely overtaken by that same sense of child-like wonder and amusement at this garish and almost obscenely beautiful state."

He did consider becoming a writer, wrote for the Asbury Park Press and did some poetry readings in San Francisco. He did also marry, briefly, in New York.

Now, to support his work as an artist, he still works in banking. But he also does commission painting of children

and pets. Although he said painting portraits is difficult especially when done as a commission, he enjoys the challenge and he really likes doing the pets, especially dogs."

He speaks of the great love he received from Kay Coffey and her committee when loaning his exhibit in the Community Center, and of the convenience of the place. He will soon have some paintings at the Lansdowne Pub/Restaurant on San Pablo and in Decks Framing on Solano Avenue.

John Dawson calls himself O-Riginals and he can be reached at 510-528-3127.

It was Kay Coffey's press release that led me to John Dawson, and I am glad I followed the lead. As always, I welcome your input. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #43, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-528-3127.

## REUNIONS

**Antioch High School**, Class of 1976, is celebrating its 25-year reunion Friday, July 27-Sunday, July 29. Visit [www.classmates.com](http://www.classmates.com), contact 925-777-0300 or e-mail [dgrant@wwdb.org](mailto:dgrant@wwdb.org).

**Pleasant Hill High School** graduates are holding an "all-classes" reunion picnic at 11 a.m., Sunday, July 29, at Pleasant Hill Park, Area #1. Bring your own food. Contact Christine (Looney) Crecelius at 925-674-8400 or 925-685-3991.

**Richmond Union High School**, Class of 1971, is celebrating its 30-year reunion Friday, Aug. 10-Sunday, Aug. 12, in Walnut Creek and Concord. Contact Linda (Casady) Hubbard at 707-642-1990 or e-mail [ruths\\_ruhs\\_reunion\\_1971@hotmail.com](mailto:ruths_ruhs_reunion_1971@hotmail.com).

**Hagan High School**, Class of 1966, will be holding its 35-year reunion Friday, Aug. 10-Sunday, Aug. 12, in the Vallejo area. Deadline for reservations is May 15. Contact JoAnn (Henkel) Mansfield at 707-553-8342, or Peggy (Huweiler) Piccotto at 707-257-6047.

**Mt. Diablo High School**, Class of 1971, is celebrating its 30-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 11, with a dinner-dance at the Concord Sheraton. Call 925-562-5253, 925-756-7144 or 209-656-1738.

**Fremont High School**, classes of 1950 to 1960, in Oakland holding a reunion picnic on Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Contact Mike Moffett at 408-867-0405; Frank Capilla at 925-462-1891; or Jane Steffes at 925-283-3156.

**Concord High School**, Class of 1981, is planning its 20-year reunion for Aug. 18 and organizers are trying to locate classmates. Call 925-695-2021, ext. 3475, or e-mail

[CHS1981@onebox.com](mailto:CHS1981@onebox.com). **Vallejo High School**, Class of 1951, is holding its 50-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Vallejo Elk Club. Contact Barbara (Butler) Holbrook at 707-255-8706 or Marjorie (West) Christensen at 707-224-4880.

**Clayton Valley High School**, Class of 1981, is holding its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Concord Hilton. Contact Great Reunions at 800-655-7971.

**Pinole Valley High School**, Class of 1988, is celebrating its 15-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 25, at Scott's Restaurant in Walnut Creek. Contact Kelly (Emry) Davis at 925-674-0823.

**Pleasant Hill High School**, Class of 1961, is celebrating its 40-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Walnut Creek; a picnic will be held Sunday, Aug. 26, at Roger Smith Park in Pleasant Hill. Contact Kathy Fairbanks Jackson at 925-754-1952 or e-mail [Beverly.Hannon.Runyon@aol.com](mailto:Beverly.Hannon.Runyon@aol.com).

**Pacific High School**, classes of 1956-1976, will celebrate an all-class reunion on Friday, Aug. 31-Sunday, Sept. 2. Seeking classmates from the once-West Pittsburg school. Call Teri at 925-679-1140 Diana 937-320-2276 or check the Web site at [www.spartanalumni.com](http://www.spartanalumni.com) for more information.

**Novato High School**, Class of 1961, is holding its 40-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 8, and Sunday, Sept. 9. Organizers are searching for classmates; contact Karoline (Eickel) Esquivel at 415-883-1720 or Bob Porteous at 530-246-0454.

**Liberity High School**, Class of 1981, is planning its 20-year reunion for Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Sheraton Concord

Hotel. Contact Paula Lorenzetti at 925-778-3352.

**Northgate High School**, Class of 1976, is celebrating its 25-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Concord Hilton. Contact Class Encounters at 800-445-2527.

**Ygnacio Valley High School**, Class of 1981, is holding its 25-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Concord Hilton. Contact Class Encounters at 800-445-2527.

**Arroyo High School**, Class of 1971, is planning its 30-year reunion for Saturday, Sept. 15. Classmates call 925-455-8539, 925-447-9356, 925-846-5232.

**Cord High School**, Class of 1971, is celebrating its 30-year reunion with a dinner-dance Saturday, Sept. 15, and a family picnic Sunday, Sept. 16. Register with [www.classmates.com](http://www.classmates.com); contact [qnickelbar@aol.com](mailto:qnickelbar@aol.com) with questions.

**Liberity Union High School**, classes of 1959-1962, are holding a joint class reunion on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Legion Hall, First and Maple in Brentwood. Contact Allen Davis at 925-757-0383 (1959); Lupe (Martinez) Berumen at 925-634-1029 (1960); Dorothy (Scorlino) Marchio at 925-684-3825 (1961); or Barbara (Baroni) Ghiselli at 925-634-2509 (1962).

**La Loma High School**, Class of 1961, is celebrating its 40-year reunion on Friday, Sept. 21, followed by a dinner-dance Saturday, Sept. 22, at Embassy Suites Hotel in Walnut Creek. Contact Joan Vallejo Kiley at 925-829-5177, or e-mail [jvalleykiley@aol.com](mailto:jvalleykiley@aol.com).

**Richmond Union High School**, Class of 1956, is celebrating its 45-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Radisson Hotel at the Berkeley Marina.

**Academy High School**, Class of 1976, is planning a 25-year reunion for Saturday, Sept. 22, in Lafayette, and is seeking classmates. Contact Lori Nott at 925-930-7194, or e-mail [whatnott@yahoo.com](mailto:whatnott@yahoo.com), or [bebder@aol.com](mailto:bebder@aol.com).

**Academy High School**, Class of 1981, is celebrating its 20-year reunion with a party Friday, Sept. 28, at Black Diamond Brewery in Walnut Creek, a dinner-dance Saturday, Sept. 29 at the Claremont Resort & Spa, and a swim party Sunday, Sept. 30, at Springbrook Pool in Lafayette. Contact Meg O'Dea Reit at 510-383-4213 or e-mail [meg\\_odea@hotmail.com](mailto:meg_odea@hotmail.com).

**Academy High School**, Class of 1951, is planning its 50-year reunion for Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Marriott Hotel in Walnut Creek. Contact Roger Dunn at 925-254-2610, Ann Bronson Miller at 925-676-4256 or Robert W. Fox at 925-935-2670.

**Oakland High School**, Class of 1961, is holding its 40-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Legion Hall, First and Maple in Brentwood. Contact Diane Johnson Wilson at 925-837-5582 or by e-mail [duciwudo@aol.com](mailto:duciwudo@aol.com).

**Oakland High School**, classes of 1941 and 1942, are holding a 60-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Waterfront Hotel in Oakland. Contact 925-685-3621.

**Richmond Union High School**, Class of 1956, is celebrating its 45-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Radisson Hotel at the Berkeley Marina.

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artists when we visited. Since then, Marie Steel has added the bistro. Our friends and other locals give it a positive review.

While you're in Kelseyville, another recommended stop is the Nord Lund Abbey Gallery (707-279-9116), an impressive full-service art foundry featuring the works of internationally known bronze sculptor, Rolf Kriken.

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While Clear Lake doesn't enjoy the crowds that a Tahoe or Shasta sees each summer, it is definitely an affordable and enjoyable alternative.

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## YMCA

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families — the city's Friendship Club, the YMCA Club, the University Village Recreational Program, and the Albany Children's Center. If all partners are willing to work together, the result could be the very best and most well coordinated system of childcare and enrichment services in all of California.

The Albany School Board is entertaining a proposal to expand the Albany Children's Center to offer school-age childcare at Marin and Cornell elementary schools. I urge the board to do its analysis of the potential consequences to the school district. There are already quality programs, such as Albany Kids' Club to serve the child needs in our community.



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# El Cerrito Dynamo Golf Scramble benefit seeks sponsors, players

**L. CERRITO** — The City Community Services Department is hosting the fifth annual Dynamo Golf Scramble Fundraiser on Monday, Aug. 27, at the Mira Country Club. The tournament benefits the David Hunter Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund and the Open House Senior Center Trust.

The David Hunter Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund offers scholarships for recreational and

childcare programs. Scholarships assist families in need of providing safe, high quality programs for their children. The "Open House" Senior Center Trust Fund helps to maintain many of the activities and services that El Cerrito's senior programs have been noted for over the years.

The city is requesting \$200 for a hole sponsorship and \$300 to additionally be placed on the tournament's T-shirt that are distributed as tee prizes. Also any

other prizes or contributions you could offer would be gladly accepted. As a sponsor, you will be acknowledged in all our literature including the Spring/Summer brochure that is mailed to over 17,000 homes and businesses in El Cerrito and surrounding communities.

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one of his highest accomplishments at the academy, right next to receiving the letter of recognition at graduation by FBI Director Louis Freeh — an award selected by his peers in training.

"(Sgt. McQuiston) is one of the best we've ever had here, he has absolutely all the skills," said his supervisor, Lt. Greg Bone. "I couldn't say enough nice things about him. I know that when I come into work, everything's going to be running well. He's a very talented and bright and complete field supervisor."

Bone said he has had to rely on McQuiston heavily to run a tight ship since he's been back due to the retirement of Sgt. Richard Haugner, a departure that came while McQuiston was away.

A few of his many daily responsibilities consist of adminis-

tering the reserve police officer and school crossing guard programs, fleet vehicle maintenance and a recent assignment to manage traffic enforcement operations. He also fits in time to be a part-time faculty member at Las Positas College.

But even pounding through arduous obstacle courses and being subjected to nonstop studying, the softy-family man admitted that his biggest adjustment was being away from his wife Dawn, and their three girls.

"The biggest hardship was being away from my kids and family. I underestimated the toll it took emotionally."

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amount. That estimate covered renovating parts of the community center in addition to the pool.

City officials regrouped, scaling back the project. In response, the first architect bowed out and the city went back to the drawing board.

Last week, the City Council agreed on a new architect. No timeline has been set for the work, which will include rebuilding the deep pool; refurbishing the shallow pool; installing new pump, filter and electric systems; adding new decks and renovating locker rooms. But officials hope things can get started sooner rather than later.

The city is optimistic that

grants and community fund-raising can cover many items on the pool wish list, such as new diving boards, lane dividers, kick boards and other equipment.

Some summer swimmers have been upset by the closed shallow pool, but many seem to understand the city's predicament, said Chris Jones, a pool program coordinator.

Family swims and children's swim lessons are being held in the deep pool, which has a maximum depth of 11 feet, and people are given information about other public pools in the area, he said. "There was definitely some disappointment," Jones said. "But we try to give them options."

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the murder."

Misquez left his Antioch home two days after the homicide to stay with his friend in Oregon, police said. Police identified him earlier this week and issued a warrant for his arrest. Misquez is being held without bail in Washington County Jail.

them back (for further meetings)," Skinner said, referring to the prolonging of the interview process.

Cain agreed. "I think it's important to move forward as a board," he said prior to the unanimous decision.

Before the vote the board allowed the public over an hour to have its say on the matter. Miriam Walden made a short statement on behalf of the parents association and handed Skinner a list of 175 signatures of parents who would not send their kids to school in the event of a strike.

"What we can get out of this is to bring in somebody who's ready to take a fresh look at the situation and fulfill the responsibility of representing us," said Walden before getting up to talk. "And we aren't being represented."

"Everybody in the community is looking at the board to make this decision," Albany Teachers Association representative Don DePasquale told the board. "We hope you pick a person who is open-minded, that represents the concerns of the community and that represents the concerns of the teachers."

The three other applicants were Michael Barnes, a UC Berkeley senior analyst, Owen H. Jones (no relation to Owen T. Jones), who served on the board from 1995-99, and Jeff Diamond a former political science professor. Each applicant was asked 12 questions and given two minutes to give a re-

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"I think Mr. Lindsay has an open mind and that's a person that we'd be willing to support," he said in front of the board.

Afterward, Lindsay admitted that he was surprised with his selection and said he would consider taking a short sabbatical from his other community responsibilities to get prepared. He said that he was more concerned about getting himself prepared for his new \$192-per month post than comment on whether or not he'll run for the same seat in next November's election.

"I might know a lot more in the next six months," he said. "I have a lot to learn right now and I'm not thinking too far in advance."

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## Suspect

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a conversation before we called Oregon police and had them go over to the house," Hurley said. "He denied any involvement in

## Board

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diation came to a close this week, the ball is now back in the district's court on resolving the contract stalemate that could see a strike with the start of the new school year.

"I think that Albany schools are great and the vast majority of the teachers are really good teachers," Lindsay said outside of the Cornell cafeteria after the council's unanimous vote. "I'm quite confident that we'll come out of it and heal the relationship with the teachers and the district and move on with what we're supposed to be doing."

The unanimous vote was actually a semi-unanimous vote as Board member Bill Cain cast his initial vote for Roger Carlsen, who has served on the district's Budget Advisory Committee and is a seven-year member of the Albany Lions Club. After board members Mary Wallmann and David Farrell both cast votes for Lindsay, colleague Marsha Skinner was on the fence, admitting that she could live with choosing Lindsay or Carlsen for the post.

Cain then withdrew his vote for Carlsen and went with his second choice of Lindsay to stay in uniform with the rest of the board. If the board couldn't agree on a selection it was to meet again on Aug. 1-2 to hold further interviews. Both Cain and Skinner expressed their desire to put an end to the issue that has been dangling in the wind since Jones resigned and made explosive remarks concerning teachers and their demands for a salary settlement.

"I'm not sure what other areas of concern we'd have if we brought

it to a vote," Cain said.

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Readers want to know:  
What's a Neg Am?



KAREN SENZIG  
Mortgage Madness

I am purchasing my first home and someone says that he can only get me a Neg-Am loan. I am worried about this kind of loan could lead to trouble. Is there anything you can tell me about this kind of loan? Are your fears justified with a Neg Am?" I don't believe they understand how the mortgagors work. In fact, a Neg Am adjustable rate mortgage, can offer great benefits.

First Savings and Loan as well as First Western Bank (now Washington Mutual Bank) taught me all about negative amortization.

They consider it like taking a little from the bank every month. All the fuss and paperwork. Is negative amortization? It refers to paying the principal off through individual payments over time.

This is accomplished with a monthly payment, which in part goes to pay the accrued interest due at the date of the last monthly payment, and part is applied to the principal. In the early years of a 30-year mortgage, the portion of the monthly payment applied to the principal is minuscule compared to the interest paid.

Actually, as the principal is paid down, the amount of interest owed each month gets smaller and smaller.

"Negative amortization" means that as more accrues, it's fully paid in each monthly payment cycle.

Also, the principal gets paid each month in order to discharge the debt over the term of the loan.

"Negative amortization" refers to principal increasing after a monthly payment is made. This occurs because the monthly payment is large enough to cover the interest (also known as less than the interest only).

The unpaid interest is added to the principal. The important thing to know is that neg-

ative amortization can be prevented. You will always have the option of paying the interest in full each month (the interest only payment), principle and interest to fully amortize the loan (the fully indexed payment) or the 15 year amortized payment. Keep in mind that allowing negative amortization to occur with the justification that appreciation will cover your loss is not necessarily a very good plan. There is no escape: Pay now or pay more later.

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Remember that the margin is fixed for the life of the loan; the index is some economic statistic independently determined outside the lenders control.

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## Arts and Crafts splendor in Oakland



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Everyone who sees the house at 5931 Taft Ave. in Oakland loves it. It is a special house, a maker of memories. James McGinnis built the home in 1912 in the Arts & Crafts style. He included window seats, a graceful, curving ceiling over the fireplace, china and crockery cabinets, beams, wall paneling — even a little front door.

Old oak, fir and maple woods were used. There is a most wonderful, full-width front porch and a detached garage with tall carriage doors, skylights and windows.

Two stories, of course, and three bedrooms plus a room we call the sewing room.

It doesn't have a closet but does have a long wall of pretty, push-out casement windows. Off the front bedroom are two room-size closets, one with a sink. And another bedroom at the back of the house opens to a sunning porch. A white wisteria climbs the front porch; there is a magnificent spring-blooming white magnolia tree in the front garden and a second, pink and white magnolia in the back garden.

This lovingly cared for house is located in Oakland on the first block of Taft above Broadway, close to the country club and golf course — an old Rockridge neighborhood.

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The home at 5931 Taft Ave. in Oakland be shown from 2 to 4 p.m. this Sunday

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# Planning will stack deck in your favor

One of our favorite building projects is a deck because it is instantly gratifying. How wonderful to be able to transform neglected, weed-infested terrain into a work of art. Besides adding beauty to a back yard, a deck is an excellent entertainment area.

Deciding where your deck will go is only part of the planning puzzle. We recommend you do a complete landscape design to determine the impact of this addition on your yard. Where the deck goes will decide if other elements, such as a water garden, swimming pool, play area or vegetable garden, can be added as well.

What's more, the location of the deck will determine how much sun, shade, wind and rain it will be subject to throughout the year.

If planning isn't your strength, it might be a good idea to hire a landscape architect. The process can include a full-blown master plan that includes all the elements you want (pool, play area), even if some of them are longer-term projects.

Besides landscaping, you'll need to consider stair location, railing design, benches and planters, decking material, decking pattern and a trellis or shade structure.

Many people put a deck against the house by an access door. While doing so is good for access, however, it might not be the best use of space. An alternative would be steps down onto a path surrounded by lush landscaping leading to a deck away from the house. There are several benefits to this: The deck is in the background instead of the foreground and becomes the focal point.

Here, the foreground could include a meandering stone path,



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decorative landscape lighting and colorful plants. In addition, a deck located away from your home might offer more freedom in planting trees, which in turn can improve the usefulness and comfort of a deck.

Also, keep in mind how weather and the seasons will affect your use of the deck. For example, if your rear yard faces west, you will bake in the afternoon sun. A few strategically placed shade trees and/or a shade structure can make a deck a pleasant place even on hot days.

On the other hand, if your deck will be on the north side of your home, it will be in shade most of

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## California Realtor association president cruises Bay Area

BY KAREN WRIGHT  
CORRESPONDENT

Cruising San Francisco Bay on the afternoon of July 18th, the U.S. Potomac — the former "Floating White House" for our nation's 32nd President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was the perfect place for California Association of Realtors president, Gary Thomas, to meet with local Realtors who gathered to address some of the critical issues that are facing our state at this time.

Speaking presidentially Thomas said "Thank you for being here today. I am also a sailor so I enjoy the elements." According to Thomas, the primary areas that are receiving serious attention from the California Association of Realtors are the energy crunch, and looming water crisis, which is not likely to be as easy to correct as energy. In addition Thomas pointed to a serious lack of affordable housing."

To illustrate, Thomas had recently gone house hunting with his daughter who had just graduated from college. Although she had found a good paying job, she was not able to afford. Thomas wondered out loud How any

young person could possibly afford a home?"

Thomas spent the earlier part of the day at an open forum discussion at the Oakland Association of Realtors. Realtors had a chance to discuss relevant local issues the C.A.R. president, Stewart Anderson and Ed Brounstein of First American Title sponsored the forum and shared some key points regarding their new FastWeb title and escrow support services system.

Gregg Fujita and Donna Smythe from the Alameda Association surprised Thomas with a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the joint venture in advanced technology education and training for Realtors jointly developed here in the East Bay.

John Cashman, chairman of Region 6, which includes Berkeley, Alameda, Oakland, and Bay East, who organized the event, said, "We were indeed fortunate to have blue skies and sunny weather. Everyone learned a great deal and had a great time. I want to especially thank Linda Bagnall of Washington Mutual, Rich Valenti of First American Title and Todd Beaker of Intellitouch who sponsored the afternoon cruise."

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## Taking a look around the East Bay real estate community

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### ATTENTION PUBLIC

Alameda Inforum meeting

The public is always welcome at the Inforum Meeting. The Inforum is sponsored by the Alameda Association of Realtors. The focus of each meeting is an invited speaker and the discussion of important real estate, economic and community concerns.

The Inforum is dedicated to helping Realtors stay informed about the real estate market, the community and issues that affect the economy. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is on Tuesday, Aug. 14 beginning with registration and networking at 8:45 a.m. The location is the Garden Isle Community Center on Melrose Avenue in Alameda.

This month's speaker is Robert Silverman, Attorney at Law of Berding & Weil. Silverman is speaking on the different ways of holding title and the new community property with right to survivorship laws.

Agents are encouraged to bring information on new listings for presentation to the group. For more information contact Kristen McMahan of AAR at 510-523-7229.

*Homebuying 101*

Buying your first or next home? Attend Home Buying 101, a free seminar with First Security Loan, Residential Loan Specialist and Instructor Stan Johnson. Learn the basic steps to prepare for homeownership.

The seminar is tomorrow from 9:30 to noon. The location is the lower level conference room of the Sanwa Building in San Leandro at the corner of Hesperian and East 14th. Seating is limited, so reservations are required. RSVP to Johnson at 510-614-2433.

*McCormack's Guides*

McCormack's Guides for 2001 are still available. These relocation/newcomer guide books are more than a directory. The books are loaded with information such as academic rankings for local public schools. SAT scores for local

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### BAR MONTHLY LUNCHEON

There is no networking luncheon in August for the Berkeley Association of Realtors. The monthly luncheon begins again in September. Watch this column for details.

### OLE TIMER'S REUNION

Thursday, Sept. 20 is the date for the Real Estate Ole Timer's Reunion Luncheon. The reunion started ten years ago and is the brainchild of Bob Valva of Valva Realty in Oakland. "It's an opportunity to get together with friends and industry acquaintances from the past," said Valva.

"This reunion is a fun and easy way to catch up." Real Estate agents and affiliates from Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda and San Leandro, aged fifty-five and over are invited. Ole Timers are encouraged to bring friends and significant others.

The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. with networking. The location is The Ark at Pier 29 Restaurant in Oakland at the foot of the Park Street Bridge. Lunch is by reservation only. To RSVP call Valva at 510-451-7317.

### WCR PRESIDENT'S PARTY

Join the Women's Council Realtors East Bay Chapter presents the annual President's Party, a tailgate and baseball night. Beginning at 5 p.m. with food and fun. Game time (the Oakland A's versus New York) is 7 p.m. For ticket information call Ramona Chang of Chang & Hardeman at 510-482-3800 or Frankie Hartwell of Midnight Appraisal Service at 510-638-1755.

### REAL ESTATE ASSISTANT TRAINING

The Oakland Association of Realtors is offering "The Assistant Training Program", a four part course to train real estate assistants. Real Estate Business Service, Inc., a subsidiary

of The California Association of Realtors will instruct. Assistants will learn the steps of the transaction, what they can and cannot do and technology to make their jobs easier.

The program is held on the first four Fridays in August.

Course I, "Basic Training for Assistant" is on Aug. 3; Aug. 10th is the date for Course II, "Beyond the Basics for Assistants".

Course III, "Ins & Out's of A Transaction Coordinator" and Course IV, "Technology for Assistants" are on Aug. 17 and Aug. 24, respectively.

The fee for the complete four course program is \$195 or \$75 per course.

For registration or an informational flyer contact Mary Walton at the OAR office at 510-836-3000.

### NEED LICENSE RENEWAL OR BROKERS

Duane Gomer Seminars offer classes for DRE license renewal and broker license testing preparation. For anyone needing license renewal all 45 hours of DRE tests are available in 1/2 day sessions. Courses and test preparation are offered for the brokers license State Exam. To ask about class schedules and costs call 800-439-4909.

### MORTGAGE PROFESSIONALS

#### CARL Hot August Nites

The next meeting of the California Association of Residential Lenders is a theme party, "Hot August Nites". Members and their guests are asked to dress in '50s and '60s costume attire. The event is at the Crow Canyon Country Club on Thursday, Aug. 9, with a 5:30 start time. A barbecue buffet is included.

Put on that poodle skirt or pegged jeans and give the CARL Hotline a call for reservations at 925-746-1847.

#### CAMB

The California Association of Mortgage Brokers (CAMB) plans their Annual Convention & Grand Exposition for Aug. 8-11. This year's theme is "Knowledge Is Power".

The convention location is the Reno Hilton in Reno Nevada.

For exhibitor or registration information contact the CAMB website at www.cambweb.org.

### CARL Breakfast Club

Join the lively Wednesday Morning Breakfast Meeting presented by the California Association of Residential Lenders (CARL). Meetings are held every Wednesday at Ameritz Title in Walnut Creek on Olympic boulevard.

Start time is promptly at 7:15 a.m. Breakfast refreshments are served. Need info? Want to nominate a speaker? Call Pat Johnson of TRI Commercial Real Estate Services at 296-3300.

### WHO'S ON FIRST?

George Tribble, Manager of Jetstream Mortgage in Oakland was nominated to the National Association of Mortgage Brokers Board of Directors. Tribble is a Past President of the California Association of Mortgage Brokers.

Denise Smith announced a move for Royal Realtors and Loan Services. The new location is 3631 High Street in Oakland. Smith is available at 510-482-8200.

Someone new at your company? Something special your company is doing?

Changing locations? Putting on a seminar? Let me know. I'd love to let the world know. All my contact info is listed below.

### SELL ME??

I need your information for this column. Fund-raisers meetings, announcements, promotions, designations and change of scenery (company) want to know it all. Information deadline is two weeks before the event.

There are three convenient ways to reach me.

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# The art and craft of renovating an Arts and Crafts-style home

coverings, then report back on what was going to be possible. The news was mixed: Some now uncovered floors had long ago been painted; there was some question about whether all the paint could be sanded off. A previous owner had covered other floors with Masonite nailing it in place with hundreds upon hundreds of long nails. Removing them would take time; it was not known yet how these floors would look after being sanded.

One good surprise was finding that the original floor in the kitchen is maple which we immediately reported to the owner. She groaned and said, "To think that I could have had a maple floor all of those years."

Mars and stains in both the maple and some oak floors would need patching after prep, and a new oak floor was to be laid in one bathroom. Time consuming work, and we were hoping that it could all be done in a scant 12 days.

Tulip's people were terrific, giving us daily updates: un-nailing the Masonite was taking a long time; there was a problem finding maple in the right width for patching the kitchen floor. They were doing everything possible, but time was getting tight.

At last, the floor finish coats were being applied, but then the weather turned cold, extending the drying time.

We were talking to the painters every morning: "No, not yet. The floors are still wet." They needed to get back inside the house to do final touch-up. Jill Heine, our great window washer, wanted to get into the house with her crew to do their part. But the floors still could not be walked on.

Jill went to the house anyway to do what she could. She found that the stove had been moved to the laundry porch, which she could reach, so she cleaned the stove there. A few days later, she returned to wash windows, wipe

down the walls of sanding dust and finish other cleaning.

Throughout it all, all of those who worked at the house proclaimed their love of this fine old building. There were lots of "I'd love to live here" comments, maybe especially loudly from the stager, Dana Roesler, who "moved in," heart and soul.

Dana and her assistant, Debbie Lentz, are so deeply involved, so wound up in this Arts and Crafts style house, they are fairly bursting with it. Dana has thanked us many times for the "fabulous opportunity," as she says, to work on this project.

She researched Arts and Crafts lighting fixtures, paint colors, and furnishings, read books, talked to experts. Several months ago she began to gather window coverings, vases, rugs and furniture to put into the house.

Finding new light fixtures, many of which had been replaced during the 1960s era, was difficult. Dana (and the owner) wanted authentic fixtures from the era, but as the cost was prohibitive, reproductions, in keeping with the style of the house, had to be located.

Heaven only knows how much time and travel went into this endeavor, but Dana succeeded admirably, and she loved every minute of the search. The fixtures look great including the one in the entry which could not be connected to a wall switch but had to be modified to turn on with a pull.

When we were uncomfortably close to the wire, Dana decided that she was going to renew the extensive oak and fir paneling and built-in furniture. The old wood was dry; it could use re-newal, oiling of some kind.

But was there time? Research turned up a tung oil-based product, available locally in gallons, which seemed to be the best bet.

One morning, a week before



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the house would go on the market, Dana and Debbie began oiling the wood. They were determined to make it look healthy and rich, but had no way of knowing how long this task would take.

In the early afternoon, that same day, Anet and I arrived to see how things were going. We were surprised and glad to find Dana and Debbie flush with pride

All of the wood in the downstairs was already done, and the results were fantastic! Anet said, in fact, that the wood, always pretty, now seemed to be smiling.

We've worked on other listings with these same people, and each job has been successful, gratifying. But I don't think we've ever experienced quite what happened with this house. Even with the rush necessary, and the number of changes in timing, the entire process flowed smoothly and happily.

It is true that from the first time Anet and I saw the house two years ago, we thought it was very fine. Having the chance to make it all fresh and shiny and good seems to have appealed to all of the people I've mentioned, as well as to a number of others who worked on it.

There is just something about this house, I think, that was an inspiration to all of us.

Anet Tarpoft and Pat Talbert are licensed real estate agents who specialize in single family houses. They also offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They can be reached by e-mail at patanet@lmi.net or by phone at 510-653-2050.

## Yes, you can own a home

### FIRST SECURITY LOAN

Learn the steps everyone needs when preparing to buy a home at the free seminar "Home Buying 101: How To Buy Your First Or Next Home." The seminar is scheduled for tomorrow from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the lower level conference room in the Sanwa Building in San Leandro at the corner of Hesperian Boulevard and East 14th Street.

Stan Johnson, a top producing residential loan specialist with First Security Loan, is the facilitator. With 10 years in the business, Johnson has seen the many faces of the real estate

market and helped many find homes in even the most discouraging times.

Johnson will speak on purchasing with a \$500 down payment and no out-of-pocket closing costs.

Participants will learn about available grant money, 100 percent financing, FHA and VA programs and the Community Reinvestment Act. Those who attend can be pre-qualified for initial credit approval.

There will be refreshments and door prizes. Seating is limited; reservation are required Call 510-614-2433

## Senzig

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### Why get a Neg Am?

One good reason to pick a Neg Am is to help you qualify for a large loan than other mortgages allow or to help you if you are having problems qualifying because of income constraints. Few other mortgages offer a lower qualifying rate. Also, most Neg Am loans offer a "No Income Qualifier" option for those borrowers with pretty good credit.

Another reason is to take full advantage of falling interest rates during the initial years of the mortgage. If rates are going down, you'll want to have your interest rate fall as quickly as possible and your fully indexed rate changes monthly. For self-employed people whose income are not static but can have wide swings from month to month, this can be a wonderful cash management tool. You can always repay your deferred interest down the road. My favorite category of people who benefit from a Neg Am Loan are retired folks who may have huge equity in their home but are stuck on a fixed income. They would love to use some of their eq-

uity but are afraid that they won't be able to qualify or be able to make their payments.

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As I mentioned in the beginning, Neg Am is a great way to take out a little loan every month without all the paperwork.

Karen Senzig is co-owner of Montclair Mortgage with her husband Scott. She can be reached at 510-339-8511.

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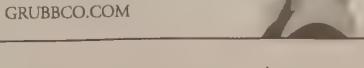
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# Take a walk through Oakland's history

■ **Brockhurst Street and Oakland point on tap this weekend**

OAKLAND HERITAGE ALLIANCE

OAKLAND — The Oakland Heritage Alliance, a nonprofit community organization, will conduct its annual summer walking tours series throughout Oakland, featuring various neighborhoods. Tours are every Saturday and Sunday in July and August.

Cost for OHA members is \$5, and \$10 for non-members. Anyone who decides to join OHA the day of the tour can go on that tour for free.

OHA's annual walking tour season is always different. Each year brings a brand-new tour or two. This year the new ones include West Oakland: Rehabilitated Victorians and the Oakmore neighborhood as well as continuing favorites like Mountain View Cemetery and the Borax Smith estate. There are also tours of Lakeshore Avenue and environs and the Fruitvale commercial district.

Also featured this summer are Oakland waterways: the lake, Laney College channel and the estuary at Fifth Avenue Point. Water has always been an important part of Oakland's character — the port once brought sailors from all over the world, harbored the Alaska Packers vessels during the winter and now boasts several of the largest shipping cranes in the entire world.

Tours are based in part on the research of the Oakland Cultural Survey, a project of the City of Oakland Strategic Planning Division, and use the resources of the Oakland History Room at the main library in Oakland.

No reservations are required; tours depart promptly. Wear com-

fortable walking shoes and bring water. Some tours involve walking on hills. In case of rain, tours are canceled. Tours begin at 10 a.m. and are finished at noon or 12:30 p.m.

## Schedule

### Tomorrow, Brockhurst Street.

Meet at the Calou House, 3251 Martin Luther King Blvd. This West Oakland neighborhood has homes from the early 1900s, including those of Anne Brigan, Delilah Beasley, C.L. Dellums and other famous Oakland residents.

**Sunday, Rebuilding Oakland Point.** Meet at Liberty Hall, Eighth and Chester streets. Oakland Point was developed in the 1870s as the terminus of the transcontinental railroad. It was a thriving and ethnically mixed neighborhood with a business center along Seventh Street.

**Aug. 4, Foothill/Seminary District.** Meet at the corner of Foothill Boulevard and Seminary at Tom's Chinese Kitchen. Visit early 20th century commercial buildings as well as explore the streets of Millsbrae and its Tudor, Spanish Colonial and other romantic revival styles of the 1920s and '30s.

**Aug. 5, Broadway Auto Row.** Meet at 28th Street and Broadway, at the top of the flatiron building. Oakland became "the Detroit of the West" in 1916 with the opening of the Chevrolet plant. Learn about the historical showrooms from 1910 through the '40s, including the distinctive brick and tile garages. See current restoration.

**Aug. 11, Lakeshore/Trestle Glen.** Meet at the Lakeview Branch Library, 550 El Embarcadero, between Grand and Lakeshore avenues. Walk through the Splash Pad Park to Lakeshore

shopping area, a mix of commercial styles, 1920s brick and deco tiles. Tour includes Trestle Glen, developed in the 1910s and '20s.

**Aug. 12, Fruitvale Commercial District.** Meet at the Fruitvale Hotel, 3221 San Leandro St., near Fruitvale Avenue. In the 1920s Fruitvale was Oakland's second downtown. View a century of development along International Boulevard and see current facade improvement. Stay for lunch.

**Aug. 18, Joaquin Miller Park and Cascades.** Meet at Woodminster Theater entrance off Joaquin Miller Road; part in the theater lot on Sanborn Drive. Explore Joaquin Miller Park and learn its history. Emphasis will be on Joaquin Miller and his home, The Abbey, and the monuments he constructed.

**Aug. 19, Produce Market and Waterfront Warehouse District.** Meet in front of the Oakland Grill, Third Street and Franklin. Explore the history and architecture of the Oakland Produce Market and the warehousing and industrial areas that developed during the early 20th century.

**Aug. 25, Oakmore.** Meet in the parking lot next to Rock's Market, 1440 Leimert Boulevard. Cross the Leimert Bridge over Diamond Canyon and enter Oakmore Highlands, a 150-acre residential home park developed by Walter Leimert during the height of the Depression.

**Aug. 26, Lake Merritt Estuary Channel.** Meet in front the Cameron-Stanford House, 1418 Lakeside Drive. Explore the south end of Lake Merritt and Estuary Channel Park. Learn the history and view the public art and outdoor sculpture along the route.

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# June's median home price up 9.8% when compared to June 2000

■ **Home sales down 6.4 percent when compared to last June**

LOS ANGELES (July 25) - Sales of existing homes in California in June fell 6.4 percent and the median home price rose 9.8 percent compared to the same period a year ago, the California Association of Realtors and Real Estate Solutions, a real estate information service, reported today.

"With June a historically strong month for home sales, this year is no exception," said C.A.R. President Gary Thomas. "Sales last month hit their highest level so far this year."

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled 526,570 in June at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate, according to information collected by C.A.R. from more than 90 Multiple Listing Services (MLS) statewide. Statewide home resale activity decreased 6.4 percent from the 562,380 sales pace recorded in June 2000. Resale activity posted an increase of 4.2 percent in June compared to May.

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The median price

# There are plenty of variables in your mortgage bills

By DENNIS RADICE

same city, the tax rate should be the same. Ask each of the salespeople to write down the tax rate, the estimated taxable value of the home you are considering, any deductions or exemptions included in the estimate and the cost of the hazard insurance. Now you can compare the estimates. If you notice differences, question the salespeople. Don't forget to include any monthly or quarterly association fees.

Q: When we closed on our new home, the builder gave us a list of the trade contractors who worked on our home. Last Saturday, the air conditioning stopped working. When I called the contractor, I got an answering service. The service said a technician would be out Monday. I didn't want to wait, so I called a company that offered emergency service, which I paid for. On Monday, I called the builder and asked to be reimbursed for my repair bill. I was told the builder would not pay for an outside repair service.

A: Some items should be the same. Others may vary. The key is to understand how each salesperson arrived at the figures. Always ask for an itemized estimate by following these guidelines: Ask for estimates based on PITI (principal, interest, taxes and insurance).

Make sure they all use the same interest rate and terms and give you the principal and interest payment. Next, ask them to itemize the estimated real estate taxes.

If the communities are all in the

## ASK THE BUILDER

vice. Does the builder have a legal responsibility to reimburse me since the unit was under warranty, it quit and his contractor wouldn't fix it?

A: The builder's contractor didn't refuse to fix it. The company just didn't do it on your timetable.

Many builders have specified emergency warranty situations that require immediate response from the contractors. Major water leaks or electrical problems are the most common. These contractors are supposed to provide 24-hour emergency service for these situations.

The builder emergency plan allows the home owner to call an outside repair company if the contractor fails to respond in a timely manner and the builder agrees to reimburse the homeowner for reasonable repair expenses.

Q: Three days ago I was noti-

fied my house had passed its final building department inspection and went to my preclosing inspection. During the inspection, I noticed several problems with the walls.

One wall had a noticeable bow in it. Another has cracks in the drywall finish and there were openings around the edges of several electrical switches.

Why didn't the inspector catch this? I wonder what else the inspector didn't notice.

A: Most likely, there are a number of finish defects the inspectors didn't see or care about. Building inspectors don't do quality or workmanship inspections.

They only inspect to ensure compliance with the local building codes. These codes establish minimum standards for safety and livability. Passing the inspections is not an endorsement of the home's quality.

I recommend that buyers always include an addendum in their pur-

chase agreement that stipulates closing won't take place until all the mechanical, heating, plumbing, air conditioning and electrical systems are complete and in good working order and that all appliances have been installed and are working properly.

Q: I am organizing a boycott against my home builder. There are several problems, including an unfinished park, construction trash that's all over the place and an abandoned dump truck sitting in the undeveloped second phase.

I'm trying to get my neighbors to join me on a march in front of the sales center. Some of my neighbors say such tactics will do more harm than good. Do you have an opinion?

A: You may get the builder's attention. You also get the attention of prospective buyers.

It could create negative word of mouth advertising, which would slow sales. Slow sales encourage

builders to reduce prices to move inventory. Lower sales prices hurt property values, which in turn hurt your investment.

First, I would send a certified letter to the builder explaining your concerns and requesting a meeting. If this doesn't work, I'd consider legal action.

Send questions to Dennis Radice, c/o New Homes, The Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami, FL 33132; e-mail: dlwraite@aol.com.

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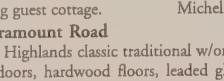
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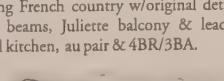


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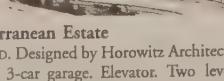
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 1320 Ordway St A - \$361,000  
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 520 42nd St - \$478,000  
 2039 47th Av - \$288,000  
 1635 52nd Av - \$280,000  
 830 52nd Av - \$160,000  
 2879 55th Av - \$282,000  
 822 5th Av - \$120,000  
 1707 62nd Av - \$165,000  
 1424 65th Av - \$200,000  
 1707 65th Av - \$132,500  
 2557 67th Av - \$170,000  
 3341 68th Av - \$255,000  
 2543 76th Av - \$87,000  
 2826 76th Av - \$90,000  
 1643 81st Av - \$160,000  
 1007 87th Av - \$231,000  
 2009 98th Av - \$190,000  
 6741 Armour Dr - \$519,000  
 861 Athens Av - \$205,000  
 13039 Broadway Dr - \$575,000  
 13070 Broadway Tr - \$1,090,000  
 12910 Brookpark Rd - \$629,000  
 760 Canyon Oaks A - \$255,000  
 433 Caswell Av - \$185,000  
 391 Clifton St - \$360,000  
 2136 East 24th St - \$352,000  
 525 El Paseo Dr - \$151,000  
 1216 Everett Av - \$325,000  
 7085 Exeter Dr - \$763,500  
 7811 Garfield Av - \$223,000  
 1166 Glendora Av - \$555,000  
 5741 Grisborne Av - \$525,000  
 5958 Harbord Dr - \$575,000  
 6024 Harwood Av - \$575,000

5052 Kearney Av - \$550,000  
 2825 Kingsland Av - \$300,000  
 5916 La Salle Av - \$450,000  
 6163 Laird Av - \$325,000  
 6717 Laird Av - \$310,000  
 4121 Lakeshore Av - \$550,000  
 9500 Lawlor St - \$300,000  
 2725 Logan St - \$250,000  
 3463 Loma Vista Av - \$140,000  
 6122 MacArthur Bl - \$275,000  
 1424 Magnolia St - \$300,000  
 915 Mandana Bl - \$568,000  
 5693 Merriewood Dr - \$533,000  
 3814 Midvale Av - \$530,000  
 2830 Montana St - \$240,000  
 2946 Morgan Av - \$374,000  
 180 Moss Wy - \$255,000  
 254 Oakland Av - \$549,000  
 9920 Olive St - \$165,000  
 424 Orange St - \$120,000  
 6143 Outlook Av - \$390,000  
 4458 Pampas Av - \$360,000  
 260 Perkins St 2D - \$80,000  
 70 Pine Hills Ct - \$610,000  
 6630 Pine Needle Dr - \$535,000  
 6037 Ridgemont Dr - \$800,000  
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 676 Santa Ray Av - \$359,000  
 5774 Scarborough Dr - \$449,000  
 4915 Shaffer Av - \$344,000  
 6549 Snake Rd - \$441,000  
 2710 Sunset Av - \$415,000  
 3944 Vale Av - \$350,000  
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147 Arbor Dr - \$750,000  
 155 Hagar Av - \$1,051,500  
 1020 Oakland Av - \$477,000  
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**RICHMOND**

710 11th St - \$184,000  
 613 16th St - \$200,000  
 1200 29th St - \$225,000  
 652 32nd St - \$250,000  
 232 5th St - \$130,000  
 541 6th St - \$175,000  
 3100 Alta Mira Dr - \$250,000  
 6040 Arlington Bl - \$335,000  
 6263 Bernhard Av - \$90,000  
 4737 Buckboard Wy - \$440,000  
 1531 Chanslor Av - \$178,000  
 1913 Chanslor Av - \$165,000  
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1609 Cutting Br - \$175,000  
 3132 Desert Dr - \$230,000  
 2439 Esmonde Av - \$200,000  
 5310 Franklin Av - \$200,000  
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 5029 Fray Av - \$250,000  
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218 HIGHLAND AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Classic Craftsman with gracious formal rooms rich in architectural detail. Master suite, den, 2 plus rooms, garden, 3+BR/2+BA. Near schools. Roselle Woods x324

**MONTCLAIR \$699,000**

53 BAY FOREST DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
Best value in Oakland Hills! South Bay/Lake Merritt views. 2-year old sunny 4BR/3.5BA, 2 master suites, 3 fireplaces, approx. 3735 sq. ft., hardwood floors. Robyn x310 & Wendy x303

**UPPER OAKMORE \$680,000**

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**ALAMEDA \$495,000**  
Sunny 3BR/1.5BA in terrific condition. New kitchen, large family room. Private fenced back yard with deck. Dick Cohen x308 & Sandi Klemmer x314

**REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$489,500**  
Lovely Tudor style home w/lne architectural detailing. 3BR/2BA, formal dining, eat-in kitchen, plus room w/dance floor & level yard. Diane Earl McCann x352

**HADDON HILL \$485,000**  
Wonderful traditional on corner lot 3BR/2BA, large living room w/bay window. FP, built in bookcases, hardwood floors. Donna Costella x355

**ROCKRIDGE \$399,000**  
Charming 1914 renewed 1-BR/1BA bungalow. Only minutes to BART & College Avenue. Great condo alternative. Jeffrey Himmel x307

**GLENVIEW \$345,000**  
Duplex plus rear cottage. All one bedroom units. 3 parking spaces. Francis Heath x357

**SAN LEANDRO \$344,900**  
1916 Craftsman style charmer. 2BR/1BA, updated kitchen, garage & deep lot with fruit trees. Michelle Miller x335

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921 Castillo St - \$330,000

15032 Crosby St - \$475,000

1247 Cumberland Av - \$360,000

3429 Del Monte Wy - \$345,000

15343 Dewey St - \$320,000

14357 Doolittle Dr - \$225,000

538 Fortuna Av - \$327,000

15210 Galt St - \$345,000

538 Glen Dr - \$350,000

1509 Green Ct - \$272,000

15005 Granda St - \$301,000

960 Joaquin Av - \$298,000

1226 Kelly Av - \$272,000

16543 Los Banos St - \$309,000

1193 Louise St - \$310,000

15073 Milford St - \$350,000

1994 North Bl - \$270,000

2357 Pacific View Ct - \$617,000

1425 Pajaro Ct - \$238,000

1355 Post Av - \$319,000

2154 Somerset Av - \$270,000

385 Suffolk Dr - \$295,000

1015 Tulane Av - \$295,000

658 Victoria Ct - \$450,000

746 Woodgate Ct - \$260,000

**SAN LORENZO**

1097 Santa Ana St - \$284,000

17114 Via Chiquita - \$269,000

16136 Via Harriet - \$320,000

1655 Via Helena - \$320,000

15845 Via Marlin - \$325,000

648 Via Pacheco - \$349,000

16043 Via Toledo - \$302,000

**By the numbers****ALAMEDA**

TOTAL SALES: 9

LOWEST PRICE: \$138,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$650,000

MEDIAN PRICE: \$462,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$418,889

**ALBANY**

TOTAL SALES: 4

LOWEST PRICE: \$254,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$590,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$411,500

**BERKELEY**

TOTAL SALES: 14

LOWEST PRICE: \$282,500

HIGHEST PRICE: \$750,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$435,857

**EL CERRITO**

TOTAL SALES: 9

LOWEST PRICE: \$254,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$590,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$411,500

LOWEST PRICE: \$255,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$700,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$455,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$423,000**EL CORPUS**TOTAL SALES: 5  
LOWEST PRICE: \$245,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$390,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$350,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$323,000**EL CANTIL**TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$185,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$255,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$220,000**KENSINGTON**TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$503,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$618,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$560,500**OAKLAND**TOTAL SALES: 78  
LOWEST PRICE: \$80,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,090,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$344,756**PLEOMON**TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST PRICE: \$477,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,051,500

AVERAGE PRICE: \$825,875

**RICHMOND**TOTAL SALES: 28  
LOWEST PRICE: \$90,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$452,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$252,196

**SAN LEANDRO**

TOTAL SALES: 34

LOWEST PRICE: \$225,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$830,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$328,044**SAN LORENZO**TOTAL SALES: 7  
LOWEST PRICE: \$269,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$349,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$320,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$309,857

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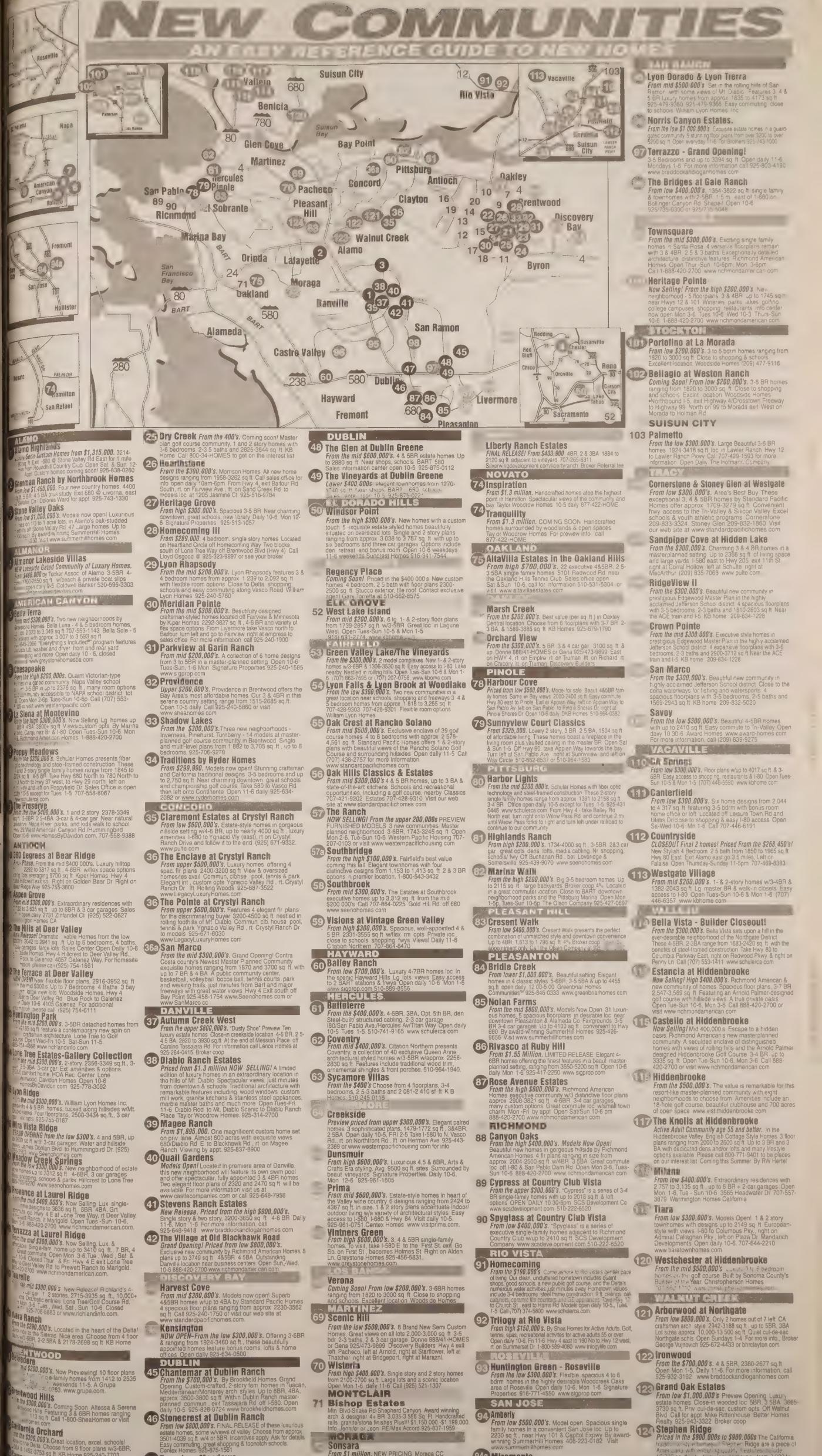
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1338 Bay St. Open Sunday Homes Fly 510-621-5475 Kane & Associates	3 - BD	2-4	\$975,000
2599 Sea View Parkway Open Sat & Sun 12-1:30 John Parton 510-481-1115 Gallagher & Lindsey	480/2BA	12-130	\$125,000
1211 San Antonio Open Sunday Steve Anderson 510-521-8869 Kane & Associates	3BD	2-4	\$799,000
76 Steuben Open Sat & Sun George Muir 510-814-4891 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$719,000

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2101 Evelyn Ct. Open Sun Shirley McWilliam 510-814-4825 Harbor Bay Realty	3BD/3BA	2-4	\$695,000
152 Ritter Open Sunday Walt Jacobs 510-814-4710 Harbor Bay Realty	1 - BD/2BA	2-4	\$685,000
141 Castle Ct Open Sunday Karin F 510-814-4878 Harbor Bay Realty	480/2BA	2-4	\$675,000

Address & Realtor	Size	Hours	Price
18 Waterford Open Sun Ringie Liu 510-814-4848 Harbor Bay Realty	480/2.5BA	2-4	\$635,000
307 Capetown Dr Open Sat & Sun Mike Gutashan 510-484-1161 Gallagher & Lindsey	280/2.5BA	2-4	\$619,000
210 Sea Bridge Way Open Sat & Sun Bill Bissell 510-748-1108, Gallagher & Lindsey	480/2.5BA	2-4	\$609,950

Address & Realtor	Size	Hours	Price
3039 Thompson Open Sat & Sun Signe Nelson 510-748-1183, Gallagher & Lindsey	380/1BA	2-4	\$609,950
1725 San Jose Open Sun Nancy Gordon 510-814-4815 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$605,000
1224 Caroline Open Sun Tim Mar 510-814-4817 Harbor Bay Realty	480/2BA	2-4	\$599,000

Address & Realtor	Size	Hours	Price
1102 Old Alameda Pt. Open Sat & Sun Nina Oso 510-814-4836; Janice Payne 510-814-4846 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$599,000
74 Sable Pointe Open Sun Chapman Rule 510-521-8015 Kane & Associates	480	2-4	\$585,000
3305 Liberty Open Sunday Mark Wynn 510-522-5827, Bayside Real Estate	3 BD	2-430	\$559,000

Address & Realtor	Size	Hours	Price
336 Galway Bay Open Sat & Sun Terri Lee 510-814-4840; Chuck Bianchi 510-814-4819 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$559,000
22 Sandpiper Open Sat & Sun Nancy Brantf 510-814-4823 Maria McIntrye 510-814-4827 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2 + BA	2-4	\$558,000
2816 Marina Dr Open Sun Steve Brandt 510-814-4889 Harbor Bay Realty	280/1BA	2-4	\$549,000

Address & Realtor	Size	Hours	Price
1037 Taylor Ave Open Sat & Sun By Owner 510-521-4589	380/2.5BA	1-4	\$540,000
306 Tidewater Dr Open Sun Barbara Bell 510-814-4820 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$535,000
215 Inverness Open Sun Homes-Link Team 510-748-5300	380/2.5BA	2-430	\$492,000

Address & Realtor	Size	Hours	Price
2918 Marina Dr. Fox Real Estate, 510-522-2463	380/1.5BA	Sat 2-4	\$525,000
15 Britt Ct Open Sun Valerie Newman 510-523-7214 Kane & Associates	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$495,000
1229 Portola Fortuna Realty 521-1611	280/2BA	2-4	\$475,000

Address & Realtor	Size	Hours	Price
1811 Bay St Open Sunday Bev Williams 510-814-4831 Harbor Bay Realty	580/2BA	2-4	\$475,000
1051 Centralton Rd Open Sat & Sun Barbara Bell 510-814-4824 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2 - BA	2-4	\$475,000
238 McDonald Rd Open Sun Barbara Bell 510-814-4824 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2 - BA	2-4	\$475,000

Address & Realtor	Size	Hours	Price
1035 Kingston Ln Open Sunday Connie Han 510-748-0700 Kane & Associates	280/2BA	2-4	\$469,000
651 Centre St Peter Fletcher, 510-521-1177, Century 21 Heritage RE	2bd/2.5ba	2-4	\$382,500
402 Ironwood Open Saturday Lena Sato 510-749-0700 Kane & Associates	280	2-4	\$375,000

Address & Realtor	Size	Hours	Price
1036 Magnolia Open Sun Connie Han 510-814-4814 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$389,000
651 Centre St Peter Fletcher, 510-521-1177, Century 21 Heritage RE	3bd/2.5ba	2-4	\$382,500
1258 Russell Open Sunday Jeff Aune, 925-299-9697, Century 21 Heritage RE	2bd/1ba	2-430	\$259,000

Address & Realtor	Size	Hours	Price
1033 Kingston Ln. Open Sunday Connie Han 510-814-4814 Harbor Bay Realty	280/2BA	2-4	\$369,000
1201 Buena Vista Open Sunday Evelyn Kennedy 510-748-1120, Gallagher & Lindsey	280/1BA	2-4	\$375,000
1000 Easter Ln Open Sunday Judy Jacobs 510-814-4711 Harbor Bay Realty	280/2BA	2-4	\$365,000

Address & Realtor	Size	Hours	Price
1039 Pacific Open Sun Dene Garvine 510-814-4871 Harbor Bay Realty	2 + BD/2BA	2-4	\$408,000
1075 Camino del Valle Open Sun Elaine Mills 510-814-4821 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$365,000
1209 Liberty Ave Open Sunday Dene Garvine 510-814-4818 Harbor Bay Realty	380/1BA	2-430	\$359,000

Address & Realtor	Size	Hours	Price
1038 Fernside Open Sunday Dene Garvine 510-814-4886, Bayside Real Estate	3 BD	2-430	\$465,000
2940 Lincoln Open Sat & Sun Russ & Linda Grant 510-814-4713 Harbor Bay Realty	3 + BD/2BA	2-4	\$459,000
601 Park St Open Sat & Sun John Parton 510-748-1115 Gallagher & Lindsey	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$459,000
811 Harbor Rd Open Sunday Ms. Sam McClellan, Prudential CA Realty 510-869-5418	280/2BA	2-5	\$432,500

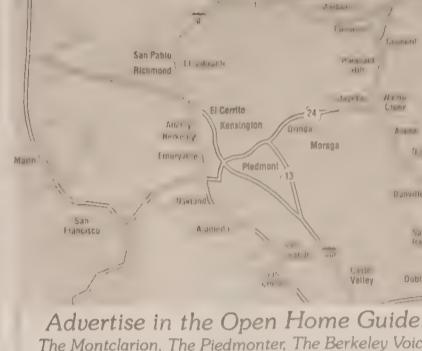
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1035 Kingstone Open Sunday Connie Han 510-814-4814 Harbor Bay Realty	280/2BA	2-4	\$419,000
1038 Pacific Open Sun Dene Garvine 510-814-4871 Harbor Bay Realty	2 + BD/2BA	2-4	\$408,000
651 Centre St Peter Fletcher, 510-521-1177, Century 21 Heritage RE	2bd/2.5ba	2-4	\$380,000
1036 Magnolia Open Sun Connie Han 510-814-4814 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$389,000

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1037 Taylor Ave Open Sat & Sun By Owner 510-521-4589	380/2.5BA	1-4	\$540,000
306 Tidewater Dr Open Sun Barbara Bell 510-814-4820 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$535,000
215 Inverness Open Sun Homes-Link Team 510-748-5300	380/2.5BA	2-430	\$492,000

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2131 BOYNTON AVE.  
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9-3 P.M.

MOVING SALE  
July 28-29 8-2pm  
Baby's room, housewares, TVs, crafts, bikes, Oak coffee tb, more! All must go! 6262 Hwy Rd.

**MULTI FAMILY SALE**  
SAT. JULY 28TH, 8-2  
Furniture, toys, clothes, lots of  
genuine items, great condition,  
1057 Village Oaks Dr.  
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## Moraga

**Baby Rummage Sale**  
(MULTI-FAMILY)  
Crib, strollers, playpen,  
clothes, toys & more!  
205 FERNWOOD DR  
SAT ONLY 9AM-3PM

## Oakland

2 FAMILY YARD SALE  
Furn., sports & kids stuff.  
Price: \$100.00 Sat. 8-2  
3845 GLEN PARK RD  
(off Park Blvd.)

## Oakland

**ESTATE SALE**

3239 LINNEN ST.  
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DOG: Husky/Crow mix, fem  
short hair, light tan purple  
tail, 60 lbs. (7/22) Beasley  
Reward \$125-\$150

DOG: small Black w/white  
markings, Sheltie mix, 10 lbs.  
1-800-555-4669, Animal  
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LABRADOR: Creme, 7.5 An  
hoch, need tan purple  
tongue. Owner lost. Reward  
\$100-\$125. (7/22)

LOST CAT

dkl/wht, short haired male  
Alamo area, lost on 7/7

LOST LITTLE BLACK DOG  
& BABY CAT

Looks like blk. lab. puppy  
Chihuahua face, 7 lbs.  
Owner: 744 S. Seneca St., Ro  
Brentwood/Antioch area,  
925-775-4555

FEMALE DOG, med. size  
black w/white, 10 yrs. old  
Dogwood, 1-800-555-4669

LABRADOR: Yellow approx  
8-9 mos. 70 lbs. Reward  
\$100-\$125

POMERANIAN: White found  
7/16. Way, 100% V/Sweet  
male. Pribil. 925-889-7169

ROLLING HILLS: Gassies  
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2 single plots, side-by-side  
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Chow Chow mix, black &  
tan, 17 lbs. Reward \$100-\$125

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flex, hrs. 8am-4pm, 1-800-555-0440

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**132 Beechwood Dr.** ..... \$1,799,000  
Major price reduction! This Fabulous 4BD/3BA home is in excellent "Turner" condition. Built in 1997 it offers 2100 sq ft of space. Kitchen, LR & DR w/ convenient access to rear yard, family room w/ access to deck, laundry, a cook's kitchen w/ island, granite counters, a spacious master suite w/ sitting room & balcony to take in the Bay view. Home office with built-in cabinets, 3 fireplaces, 3 car garage. A truly elegant home w/ many fine features.

Chris Christensen ext. 242

**1845 Northwood Ct.** ..... \$1,295,000  
Atm: Cooks, Entertainers, Wine Enthusiasts! This incredible model home by D'Amato Design offers 2100 sq ft of space. Kitchen, LR & DR w/ fireplace, magnificient kitchen w/ built-in appliances, package in town, a 666 sq ft wrap-around deck, marvelous views of the Golden Gate & City. A terrific indoor/outdoor flow. A knockout master suite, 2 additional spacious BD/RS plus a main level sunroom w/ built-in window seat. Superbly finished w/ highest quality materials.

Mary Neuberger 530-4148

**1839 Northwood** ..... \$895,000  
With fabulous San Francisco & Golden Gate views. Grand entry w/ spiral staircase, four bedrooms, two and one-half baths, gourmet kitchen rich in hardwoods and natural stone, family room, home office and incredible decks.

Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780

**2382 Tiffin** ..... \$489,000  
JUST LISTED! Nicely remodeled, spacious 1935 4BD/2BA in a highly desirable neighborhood below the Mormon Temple. Lovely kitchen, formal dining, recreation room. Ready to move right in.

Don Dunning 482-2256

**4018 Barner** ..... \$449,000  
w/2.5 Baths, large spacious home w/ views, FP in living room. Hardwood floors throughout, 1/2 bath & rumpus/family/office downstairs, plenty of storage space.

Patsy Buhler 287-5910

**1334 Grand Avenue - Piedmont** ..... \$429,000  
Three bedrooms, two baths, study, family room, large eat in kitchen, formal living room w/ fireplace & dining area. Two-Car garage & off street parking for three cars.

Jaya Bhimani ext. 289

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30



**4444 Park Blvd.** ..... \$349,000  
2+1 charming half-timbered home, original trim, French doors into formal dining rm, centrally located, near shopping, public trans & Twy. access, sun room/balcony, basement area.

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**151 Temescal Circle** ..... \$339,000  
Treat yourself to a pleasant surprise, discover Emery Bay Village. Sophisticated 3BD/2BA townhouse w/patio in a woodsy setting. Conveniently close to shops & restaurants, walk to Chiron, Pax or shuttle bus to BART. EZ commute to S.F. A winner!

Heidi Tugge 531-4554



**4119 Manila Avenue** ..... \$249,500  
2BD/1BA, 1913 cottage w/ wonderful potential. Very popular location near Piedmont Ave. Hardwood floors, fireplace, backyard out from kitchen. Sold "As-is".

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## BY APPOINTMENT



**New Construction In Montclair** ..... \$849,000  
Time-tested traditional design concepts, robust structural specifications, and high tech features combine to make this a must-see new home. Great Sobrante Rd location combines green belt and quiet w/ easy access to Montclair Village! 3+BD/3BA. Office, lux. kitchen.

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**Home Looking For A Family** ..... \$475,000  
1BD/1BA, Living room, dining room, hardwood floor, kitchen and kitchenette, fenced yard and two-car garage.

Kevin P. Kennedy ext. 204

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**Chabot Highlands 11250 Elvessa** ..... \$699,000  
Sprawling Ranch-style w/ stunning remodel. Serene views of hills, large lot, private yard. 3 beds plus office and 2 baths. Open Sunday 2-5. Fritz Hochfellner

FIRST OPEN

**4048 Laguna** ..... \$525,000  
Lincoln Heights Mini-estate. Fabulous fenced property w/ incredible gardens. Open floor plan, custom kitchen 4 BD/3 BA. 2-4:30. Rachel Baller

**940 Everett, El Cerrito** .....  
Affordable starter in lovely neighborhood. 2BD plus study. 1 BA. Fresh paint. 2-4:30.  
Claudia Bowman

OPEN SUNDAY

**6009 Romany Road** ..... \$849,000  
Upper Rockridge, Cape Cod charm! 4BR/3BA, extra large lot, HWF, eat-in kitchen w/FP, formal dining room, open floor plan. 2-4:30. Terry Kulka/Ellen Lancaster

**17 Cambridge Way** ..... \$699,000  
Piedmont. 4+BR/2.5BA. Traditional, convenient location w/ large formal family room opens level out to a sunny yard w/ patio. 2-4:30. Lydia Mayne

**50 Sheridan Rd** ..... \$699,000  
Upper Rockridge. 3 BD/2BA, very sharp, one level w/ high ceilings, skylights, beautiful HWF, lovely garden/patio, view 2-5. Nancy Dickey

**6808 Chambers Drive** ..... \$699,000  
Montclair. New listing! 4+BR/3BA, family room, HWF, dining room, 2 fireplaces, decks, canyon views, 2-4:30. Victor Fiero

**1500 Park Ave. #312, Emeryville** ..... \$669,000  
Fabulous loft reduced to sell! 2 traditional BR/2BA, top floor, corner unit w/great lit & views, HWF, 2-4:30. Dell Orr

**PENDING**

**Piedmont Pines** ..... \$738,000  
3+BR/2.5BA. Sweeping views, kitchen/family room combo, formal dining & deck.

**Upper Rockridge** ..... \$619,000  
Newly updated 3+BR/2BA home w/ quality finishes, newer baths, master suite & rumpus room. Michael Thompson

**Ridgegate** ..... \$595,000  
Brown shingle. Great location & loaded with charm. Lovely HWF, big level yard, close to BART & College Ave. Terry Kulka

**Oakmore** ..... \$459,000  
Sunny 3BR/2BA + office, lovely yard, HWF, FP, 2-car garage. Nader Davari

**Redwood Heights** ..... \$399,000  
2+BR/1BA, family room, updated eat-in kitchen. Bed 'n' breakfast cute! Phyllis Wherry

**San Leandro** .....  
Meticulous 3BR/2BA, family room, covered patio & attached garage, HWF under carpet. George Karsant

**Jack London Square** ..... \$349,000  
Spacious 1BR/1BA close to all! Great SF-style loft at a fraction of SF prices. Lydia Mayo

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**Danville** .....  
Walk to downtown. Nearly new 4BR/2.5BA, light, spacious well-designed floor plan, eat-in kitchen w/ adjacent family room, master suite. John Dunn

**Montclair** .....  
A rustic lane leads to this very private 3+BR/2BA Thornhill Village cottage. Beautifully updated. Fritz Hochfellner

**Berkeley** ..... \$422,000  
4plex. Newer roof, kit, bath. Security gate + 4 parking & laundry. Walk to BART. Live in one & col. over \$2500 rent. It won't last. Nader Davari

**\$369,000**

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**6019 3rd Street, Piedmont** ..... \$738,000  
3+BR/2.5BA. Sweeping views, kitchen/family room combo, formal dining & deck.

**Montclair** ..... \$599,000  
Montclair. Large 4BR/3 BA home. Convenient location, new carpets, bright sunny kitchen, new price. 2-4:30. David Eckert

**1925 Shepherd Canyon** ..... \$669,000  
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**1716 Thornhill** ..... \$449,000  
Montclair. Charming cottage in wooded setting. 3BD/2BA large lot, deck w/ hot tub. Sunny and inviting. 2-5. John Brennan

**1823 Drake Drive** ..... \$589,000  
Montclair. Lots of space for the price. Opportunity for cosmetic improvement. 5BD/3BA close to village. 2-4:30. Dell Orr

**2440 10th Avenue** ..... \$385,000  
Montclair. Price opportunity! 4 BR brownshingled Victorian plus 1 BR cottage. Huge lot, fruit trees, HWF, high ceilings, built-in ins. Nice! 1-4:30. Victor Ratto

**1823 Woodhaven Way** ..... \$649,000  
Montclair. 5BD/3.5 BA home, close to Montclair Swim Club, restaurants and shops. HWD, floors, remodeled kitchen & baths. 2-4:30. Victor Fiero

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## When Thomson took his best 'Shot'

"Branca throws. There's a long drive. It's going to be — I guess ... the Giants win the game! The Giants win the game! ..."

Perhaps no snippet of baseball radio history has better stood the test of time than Russ Hodges' call of Mel Thomson's pennant-winning home run in 1951.

And perhaps no single moment in baseball history has better stood the same test as the one run itself.

Some might dispute that last stance, especially Pittsburgh fans with lasting memories of Bill Mazeroski's World Series-winning home run in 1960.

But there is no disputing that New York was the baseball field of the world 50 years ago. And even today, people like Thomson's home run over in their minds — even those who are not yet 50 years old. Such was the impact of that moment, one that resonates through time.

HBO brings back the magic that era this month with its documentary, "Shot and Round the World."

"Shot" blends the recollections of a number of fans —

King, writer Maury Allen (current Giants owner Peter Guber among them) — into a 90-minute tribute to the 1951 season that is a must-see for all Giants fans and Dodgers fans. Heck, it's for baseball fans of any stripe.

The most interesting recollections, though, are those of Thomson and Dodgers pitcher Ralph Branca, two men whose

lives became forever intertwined by the events of Oct. 3,

1951.

Thomson and Branca make

interesting stories in them-

selves. Branca, a native of nearby Mount Vernon, grew up a Giants fan. Thomson, an adopted New Yorker born in Glasgow, Scotland (his nickname is the "Staten Island boy"), took to baseball after moving to the United States at a young age. It was Thomson's father who caught the baseball first, however, as a fan of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Thomson was 25 years old when he relieved Don New-

ton.

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PLAYING SUMMER BALL for the Oakland Rattlers, El Cerrito High's Randy Minix tagged home in the fifth inning against the NorCal Baseball Club's Red team. Playing at Ohione College on July 24, the Rattlers and Reds battled to a 6-6 tie in eight innings.

## Rattlers heading for Nationals...

**...Virginia-bound club struggles in 8-inning tie**

By Mike McGreehan  
STAFF WRITER

FREMONT — A bon voyage, a big sendoff before a long-awaited, much-anticipated trip, is supposed to be a happy occasion, a time to celebrate. In a similar vein, all is supposed to go well in a team's final game before a big tournament. The hitting clicks, the pitchers hit their spots and the fielders play flawlessly defense as the team peaks at just the right time in a perfect-world scenario.

But so much for fantasy. On Thursday, the Oakland Rattlers 16-and-under baseball team headed to Virginia for the AAU National Championships. At Ohione College on Tuesday, though, the Oakland Rattlers experienced a heavy dose of reality in their final game before that tournament, muddling their way to an eight-inning 6-6 tie with the NorCal Baseball Club 16-and-under Red team. Darkness forced the game to end in a tie.

"It's obvious that we were the better team," said Rattlers manager Eddie Abram, whose team ran its season record to 27-4-2. "But we made seven errors and all their runs except for one were unearned. We can't play like that

and expect to win in Virginia."

Perhaps the Rattlers had Virginia on their minds. The team hit well, and the four pitchers who took the mound all were solid — each giving an effort more than good enough to win.

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16-and-under  
**Rattlers** 6  
**Reds** 6

But some erratic fielding betrayed them. And a few base running blunders added to the team's woes, too.

Despite their troubles, the Rattlers held a 6-4 lead going into the bottom of the seventh with ace Kurt Koehler of Pinole Valley High School on the mound. Koehler, who enjoyed a 1-2-3 inning with two strikeouts in the sixth, started the seventh inning with another strikeout. But Koehler walked the next batter. Then gave up a single to right field that was misplayed. By the time the play ended, NorCal had a run in and a runner at third. A sharp single past third soon tied the game.

The Rattlers were fortunate to get out of the inning and come away with a tie (Koehler struck out the side in the bottom of the eighth). Of course, one could say the Rattlers have been one fortunate team all this summer.

For starters, few other teams ever had the opportunity to test their baseball mettle in Cuba, as

the Rattlers did in late June. Secondly, the Rattlers are fortunate to have been able to travel to Cuba and to the AAU National Championships clear across the country during the same season.

But travel exacts its toll, too, and preparations for the Virginia trip had to play heavily on the minds of the Rattlers on Tuesday.

Players, coaches and anyone accompanying the team had to check in at San Francisco Airport on Thursday morning at 5:15 for a 6:25 flight. And once in Virginia, the Rattlers will face some tough competition from teams who draw their talent from much wider geographical areas.

But the Rattlers weren't the only team preparing to travel Tuesday evening, as NorCal heads to Oklahoma this weekend for the U.S. Specialty Sports Association World Series. In spite of falling behind early, though, NorCal appeared to have its heads in the game while — for whatever reason — baseball often seemed the farthest thing from the Rattlers' minds.

Still, the Rattlers looked well on the path to victory with three runs in the top of the third inning.

Second baseman Corey Grayson of Oakland Tech got things going with a one-out single.

After catcher Ryan De La Rosa of El Cerrito High walked,

shortstop Jesse Barnes of Head-Royce laid down a sacrifice bunt attempt that turned into a single to load the bases.

Still, the Rattlers were back in the lead and hoped to be over

Koehler soon put Oakland on the scoreboard with a two-run single, and Randy Minix of El Cerrito High singled home Barnes to make it 3-0 one out later.

Signs of trouble began to surface in the bottom of the inning, though. Starting pitcher Donald Jones of Castro Valley High gave up two singles but would have gotten out of the inning unscathed if not for an error. Nonetheless, Jones kept the damage to a minimum as the Rattlers still held a 3-1 lead at inning's end.

Nikki Aurora of Piedmont High took over in the fourth inning, but shoddy defense behind him led to two unearned runs and a 3-3 tie.

Oakland recovered quickly by scoring twice in the top of the fifth. All the scoring occurred with two out as Rafael Mendoza of Skyline reached on a fielder's choice and advanced to second on a high pop single by Minix. Steven Dell Cruz of John Sweet followed with a single to score Mendoza and send Minix to third. After Skyline's Daniel Limbrick was hit by a pitch to load the bases, fellow Skyline player Daniel Walker laced a single to right to score Minix. Della Cruz tried to score as well, but was thrown out at the plate.

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## Smoke heads to big-time tourney

**Club plays Oakland Oaks this morning**

By Mike McGreehan  
STAFF WRITER

MORAGA — A couple years ago, the Oakland Smoke 18-and-under Connie Mack baseball team enjoyed an outstanding season. The Smoke went 19-11 and won the prestigious Best of the West Tournament in Hawaii.

This year's Smoke team might be even better, manager Joel Kaufman argues.

Though the Smoke's 15-14 record might not reflect it, the team has played well. This year's team also has played a tougher schedule than that 19-11 squad.

Nonetheless, the results of last Thursday and Friday had to be especially disappointing for the Smoke, who went two games and out in this year's Northern California Connie Mack Championship playoffs at St. Mary's College.

Oakland fell out of the double-elimination tournament Friday afternoon by losing a close one, 8-7, to the North Coast Cardinals of Petaluma. On Thursday, though, the Smoke received a good old-fashioned drubbing at the hands of the Lafayette Generals. Lafayette won 17-0 in a game that ended after five innings due to the tournament's eight-run mercy rule.

"We didn't play our best, but we've had a solid year," said Kaufman, whose team wraps its season up this weekend at the Cal-Berkeley Tournament at Evans Diamond.

"The pitching's been a little disappointing at times and the hitting's been a little disappointing at times. But I like my team. They play really hard for me."

The Smoke actually played a decent game against the Cardinals on Friday. North Bay got off to a 3-0 lead, but the Smoke pulled ahead temporarily in the sixth inning before North Bay came back to win.

Oakland collected 11 hits, led by Brendan Burke's three. Noah Roper (Berkeley High) added two. Cameron Johnson (Head-Royce) pitched well in relief, taking over in the second inning with the Smoke trailing 3-0.

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## Someone needs to teach ABC the old abc's



RON SALSIG  
Range Rat

poor ratings.

How would they know?

They never showed him.

Any knowledgeable golfer

who saw last weekend's telecast knows that this was the

worst telecast of a major champion-

ship in at least a decade. If

it were not my job to watch, I,

too, would have switched off

the set.

The ABC network has had

trouble ever since producer/di-

rector Terry Jastrow, one of the

best, left for greener pastures.

It has been a decade of frustra-

tion since, watching them. But

this year ABC really dropped

the ball. The very basics of telecasting a major championship eluded them.

CBS, NBC and The Golf Channel are well aware of the reason golf's television ratings have soared in recent years — Tiger Woods. No matter what he's doing, they show him. For some very strange reason that defies all logic, the decision was made before this ABC telecast that Tiger was out of it (he started five shots back) and he would not be shown.

Showing Tiger is basic No. 1. The BBC knew it, and that network followed Tiger's round before the leaders teed off.

BBC and ABC shared camera feeds in the British. ABC showed only five taped shots of Woods' round, with little setup to let the viewer know what's going on (there was an obligation to show the shot or two as he finished up the round).

Basic No. 2 in telecasting

golf is this: club and yardage. The roving reporter has one job — to tell the audience what club the player is using and what his yardage is to the hole.

Now we're late in the day, and David Duval is playing the toughest hole on the course, No. 17, with a three-stroke lead. The cameras showed his tee shot and his second shot to the green. But no mention was ever made of what club he used for either shot, or what his yardage was to the target. This was as inexcusable as Ian Woosnam's caddie allowing an extra driver into the bag.

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There was Duval, with a three-shot lead, standing on the

final tee — and he reaches for ... his driver! Absolutely no comment was made of his club selection. Apparently, synapses completely failed to fire. In fact, no mention was ever made of the club he teed off with. You had to see it to know he used driver. History indicates a very poor decision on Duval's behalf. How did they miss that one!

BBC was all over that one.

You could see it in the shot. ABC showed of the BBC announcers, who were feverishly at work commenting on the decisions Duval was making ... while ABC could find nothing better to do than televise their BBC colleagues.

Congratulations to Duval on a stunning achievement. But ABC had better stick with Monday Night Football.

US Junior: Mika Takayama of Alameda qualified easily for match play in the U.S. Girls Ju-

nior Championship in Kansas this week, then sailed into the round of 16 in match play with a 7-and-6 victory over Amie Cochran of Torrance, CA, and a 2-and-1 victory over Amy Wang of Washington. (Further results are past press time).

Ki Shui Liao of Alameda, age 13, qualified for match play with a 148 total, four strokes better than the cut. She drew exactly who she wanted in the first round of match play, the 13-year-old who received all the publicity this year, Morgan Pressel of Florida, who qualified for the U.S. Open. Liao lost a heartbreaker on the final hole. Pressel won, 1-up.

But in her first national championship, Liao certainly showed she could play with the best.

Links: Roger Maltbie has received a sponsor's exemption

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## Rattlers

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the defensive doldrums that had plagued them the previous two innings.

But that wasn't the case.

Cole Stipovich of Berkeley High took over on the mound and got off to what appeared to be a great start by striking out the first batter. But when the ball got by De La Rosa, the batter reached first base safely. Stipovich ended up striking out four batters in the inning, but not before a bad-hop ball past the shortstop and an RBI single brought the runner home to trim the Rattlers' lead to 5-4.

The Rattlers built the lead back to two runs in the top of the sixth when De La Rosa and Charles Roberson of Skyline drew back-to-back one-out walks and Koehler followed with an RBI single. But the Rattlers would fail to score again.

"I think the kids had one eye on this field and one eye on Virginia," said Abram. "We played lazy today and it came back to bite us. But maybe it's good — hopefully, it makes us hungry."

Should that hope come to pass, the Rattlers should be ready to feast in Virginia.

**Postgame**

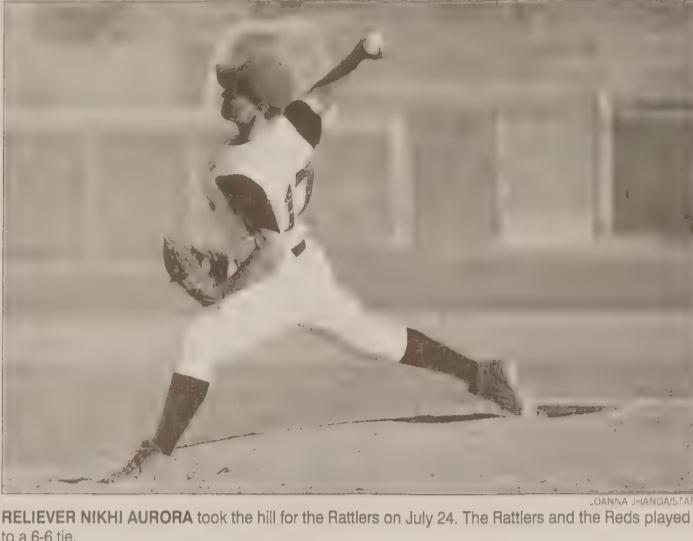
**STATS:** Pitching and hitting were no problem for the Rattlers. Jones gave up one run in three innings. Aurora struck out two in the fourth, and Stipovich would have escaped with no damage in the fifth if not for the passed ball and an error. Koehler struck out eight batters in the final three innings.

In terms of hitting, Koehler was 3-for-5 with three RBI. Minix was 2-for-4 and scored a run. Grayson also was 2-for-4. Daniel Walker finished 2-for-3 with a double.

**OH-FER-TWO:** NorCal twice had guys thrown out trying to steal home. The first time it happened was in the third inning. The same type of play happened again in the sixth. De La Rosa applied the easy tag both times.

**SHADES OF 60 YEARS AGO:** The missed third strike in the fifth inning brought to mind stories of 1941 World Series Game Four. Brooklyn led the Yankees 4-3 with two out and none on in the ninth when a third strike to Tommy Henrich got past Dodgers catcher Mickey Owen. Henrich reached base safely, paving the way for a Yankees' rally and a 7-4 win. The Yankees won the series the next day.

Fortunately for the Rattlers, Tuesday's missed third strike led



**RELEIVER NIKKI AURORA** took the hill for the Rattlers on July 24. The Rattlers and the Reds played to a 6-6 tie.

to just one run and, ultimately, a tie.

**IN VIRGINIA:** While competing at the AAU National Championships, the Rattlers will stay at the Days Inn in Hampton, July 6-Aug. 3. The phone number is 757-826-4810.

On Aug. 3, the team will switch to the Econo Lodge-Oysters Point. That phone number is 757-599-3237.

Tournament play runs July 26-Aug. 4. Follow the Rattlers' progress at [www.aaubaseball.org](http://www.aaubaseball.org).

**COMING BACK:** The Rattlers will return home via SFO on Continental Airlines flight 157 on Sunday, Aug. 5 at 7:33 p.m.

**Beyond the Ballfield:**

The Rattlers completed their community service project July 19 with a visit to the Piedmont Gardens Senior Home. Players paired with seniors in such games as bean toss and bingo. There was even a hula show in which the players participated with both the residents and the dancers. Participating players were Minix, Stipovich, Limbrick, Aurora, Delta Cruz, De La Rosa, Grayson, Terrell Harbin, Roberson and Daniel Walker.

### A few better games

During their week-long trip to Havana, the Rattlers lost four games to teams of older Cuban players. The Rattlers will face another kind of disadvantage when they reach Virginia, as they are basically a regional team while many

other teams in the tournament draw players from all over the place — even from out of state.

Despite Tuesday's less-than-satisfying tie, the Rattlers have prepared themselves well for the tournament. Since returning from Cuba on July 1, the Rattlers not only won the Barry Bonds Classic against teams their own age, but have continued to play against older teams, too. The Rattlers also have enjoyed success against those teams as their record attests (the four games in Havana were considered exhibitions and not counted).

In their game previous to Tuesday, the Rattlers trounced the 18-and-under Hayward Braves 14-0 at Ohlone on Saturday.

Three pitchers combined for the shutout. Andre Sternberg (Berkeley High) pitched the first four innings with six strikeouts. Sternberg yielded just two hits while lowering his ERA to 0.54.

Aurora followed with two innings of no-hit ball with two strikeouts. Delta Cruz pitched the final inning without giving up a hit.

Offensively, Limbrick cranked it up by collecting two hits and four RBI. Minix added a single, double and two RBI. Rafael Mendoza also had two hits.

"We've played a lot of games the past two weeks," Abram said. "We've played against as many older teams as possible to better prepare ourselves (for the AAU National Championships.)"

Since winning the Barry Bonds Classic on July 4, the Rattlers have been one busy team. Among the

highlights was a doubleheader split with the North Coast Cardinals in Petaluma on July 14.

The Cards, an American Legion 18-year-old senior team, won the opener 1-0 despite a fine pitching performance by Sternberg, who struck out nine and yielded just two hits in the hard-luck loss. Sternberg tossed a very economical game as he delivered just 81 pitches.

North Coast pitcher Kevin Dyer (Marin Catholic) was every bit as effective. Dyer scattered five hits, walked three and struck out two for the win. Dyer delivered just 82 pitches in a game than needed just 1 hour, 25 minutes to complete.

The nightcap was a pitchers' duel, too, as Donald Jones struck out 10 batters in six innings for the Rattlers. Jones walked just two batters while yielding two hits and the Cardinals' lone run. Aurora picked up the save in a 1-2-3 seventh inning.

On July 17, the Rattlers beat another 18-year-old team, the Pinole Senior All-Stars. Minix's two-run home run got the lead off. The Giants turned a 4-1 deficit into a 5-4 win in the bottom of the ninth inning that day with Thomson's three-run home run the final blow.

"Shot Heard 'Round the World" is more than just a recollection of one historic home run. The documentary also addresses a sign-stealing scheme concocted by Giants infielder Hank Schenz with the blessing of manager Leo Durocher.

(Thomson contends he didn't know what Branca was going to throw. Branca believes differently.)

Other aspects of the '51 season come to light, too. As the Dodgers' lead in the standings dwindled in August and September, many started to question the moves of Brooklyn manager Charlie Dressen. His handling of the pitching staff came in for sharp criticism. By season's end, Dodger pitchers were a collection of dead arms.

Branca got off the best line of the program:

## Smoke

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"We played well," Kaufman said. "We couldn't buy the key hit to break the game open. But we scrapped and played well."

Thursday's evening game, in contrast, imploded when the Generals scored nine runs in the fourth inning. Lafayette finished the job with six more in the fifth.

Through the first three innings though, the game was close as the Smoke trailed just 2-0.

"Not taking anything away from the Generals, but we didn't play like we can," Kaufman said. "The team we were capable of being was present the first two innings."

Kaufman also contended that the home plate umpire squeezed

smoke pitchers with a small strike zone.

"We've got to have the corners with the pitchers we have," he said. "(The umpire) even admitted to our catcher that he should have called some pitches strikes."

Small strike zones or not, the Smoke quickly fell behind when the Generals' Jeff Crinklaw blasted a solo home run in the first inning. Lafayette added another run in the second while the first pitching of Scott Juneau held the Smoke at bay.

Matt Capell (Bishop O'Dowd) got the bottom of the third off to a promising start for the Smoke with a leadoff single. Capell, however, quickly got picked off by Juneau. The out proved especially costly when Burke legged out a double later in the inning.

Perhaps the run that never

scored would not have mattered anyhow, as Lafayette broke the game wide open in the top of the fourth. Drew Gilmore, Jeff Landry, and Rich Meier all had one run singles for Lafayette that inning. Chad Ross had a two-run single and Matt Kalafatis a two-run double. Errors allowed two additional runs to score.

In the sixth, Lafayette had a bases-loaded walk, three runs-scoring doubles, a wild pitch and a passed ball to produce their final six runs.

With the Connie Mack playoffs now behind them, the Smoke look to complete their season in high fashion this weekend in Fresno-Castro Valley.

"Hopefully, we'll end the season on a positive note," Kaufman said.

## BRIEFS

### Football officials needed

The East Bay Football Officials Association is in need of officials for the high school season. No experience is needed and training and monetary compensation is provided.

The East Bay Football Officials Association serves schools in Oakland, Alameda, Castro Valley, El Cerrito, Hayward, Piedmont, Berkeley and other East Bay communities.

An orientation for new officials will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Willie Harper Building (314 E. 10th Street, Oakland) — across the street from the Laney College football field) on Wednesday, Aug. 15. Those interested in officiating high school games should call 510-521-4121.

### Baseball

The lease for Triple Play USA Batting Cages in Emeryville has been extended through June 2002. The cages will stay open for at least one more season. For details, call 510-652-HITS.

Dale Daniels will hold his 13th annual Summer Day Baseball Camp at Linda Beach Field in Piedmont, Aug. 20-22. The camp, for players 7-12, will run noon-3 p.m. each day. Campers will be grouped according to age and skill level. Fee is \$145 per

player. The camp will emphasize solid fundamental instruction of all phases of baseball in a low-key environment. Call Dale Daniels at 510-522-2424 or fax him at 510-428-2698.

### Golf

The Galbraith Junior Golf Program will send 13 junior golfers to play in the 21st annual Western States Golf Association Junior Tournament in Portland, Ore., Aug. 6-10. The club is seeking donations of \$425 per child or \$5,700 for the entire trip. This will cover airfare, ground transportation and two days of practice rounds. For details, call program coordinator Clarence Washington at 510-569-5982, or e-mail program adviser Michael Salem at oaklandboyz@aol.com.

The Galbraith Junior Golf Program is open to players 7-18 interested in learning the game. The program meets every Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Chabot Golf Course. The program also invites members of the business community to get involved through group and scholarship sponsorships. For details, call program coordinator Clarence Washington at 510-569-5982, or e-mail program adviser Michael Salem at oaklandboyz@aol.com.

### Coaches needed

Piedmont High School needs to fill seven coaching vacancies for the 2001-2002 school year. The Highlanders are looking for coaches for girls varsity volleyball, girls junior varsity volleyball, boys varsity water polo and junior varsity football for the fall.

Piedmont also needs boys junior varsity and freshman basketball coaches for the winter and a boys varsity tennis coach for the spring. Possible teaching positions also are available. Send resumes to Pam Bradford, 800 Magnolia Ave., Piedmont, CA 94611.

### Basketball

The sixth annual Basketball Jones Hoop Camp will take place at Carter Middle School in Oakland from Aug. 6-10. The camp will run 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and is open to boys and girls 7-15. The camp fee is \$160 or \$145 if players register before May 15. Register online at [www.basketballjonescamp.com](http://www.basketballjonescamp.com), or call 1-800-348-3803 for an application.

### Donations needed

The Smart Moves/East Oakland Boxing Association needs donations. The EOBA, which uses boxing as a lure, attracts at-risk youths to a unique mixture

of academics and recreation.

The EOBA provides free homework tutoring, mentoring, computer skills training, health and safety education, arts and crafts, senior citizen projects, youth employment and training programs.

The EOBA, which opened its doors in 1990, serves an average of 150-200 youths ages 6-20 per week.

Please call 785-7661 or 569-7808.

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## McGreehan

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combe in the bottom of the ninth inning of that fatal game, the 157th of the 1951 season. Thomson was three weeks shy of 28. Both men had solid careers, but Thomson's home run off Branca that day stands as the defining moment for each player.

Though the story focuses heavily on Thomson and Branca, theirs is simply the final chapter.

The Giants, who hadn't won a pennant since 1937, started poorly in 1951. By Aug. 13, the Dodgers held a 13-2 game lead over their beleaguered Manhattan rivals.

"The Giants is dead," Dodgers players yelled to the Giants after an August series at the Giants' home park, the Polo Grounds.

But the Giants and their fans soon had reason to perk up. Though Brooklyn played .500 ball the rest of the way — good enough to win the pennant most seasons — the Giants won 16 straight games and 37 of their final 44 to pull into first place on the final day.

The Dodgers, for their part, had to come from behind to beat Philadelphia just to salvage a tie.

At the time, the National League staged a best-of-three playoff to determine the pennant winner. After the Giants and Dodgers split the first two games, the teams met again at the Polo Grounds with their seasons hanging in the balance. The Giants turned a 4-1 deficit into a 5-4 win in the bottom of the ninth inning that day with Thomson's three-run home run the final blow.

"Shot Heard 'Round the World" is more than just a recollection of one historic home run. The documentary also addresses a sign-stealing scheme concocted by Giants infielder Hank Schenz with the blessing of manager Leo Durocher.

(Thomson contends he didn't know what Branca was going to throw. Branca believes differently.)

Other aspects of the '51 season come to light, too. As the Dodgers' lead in the standings dwindled in August and September, many started to question the moves of Brooklyn manager Charlie Dressen. His handling of the pitching staff came in for sharp criticism. By season's end, Dodger pitchers were a collection of dead arms.

Branca got off the best line of the program:

"What I remember is on a head of a baseball, you want to hit it right in the center, have room for it to roll on."

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# Arts

## Jewish film fest challenges assumptions

By Sura Wood

SPECIAL TO THE  
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

A child's-eye view of growing up in the Middle East is revealed in "Promises," a new documentary about seven Israelis and Palestinians between the ages of 8 and 13. It's being shown as part of the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival, a series of films being screened in S.F., Berkeley, Redwood City and San Rafael through Aug. 6.

Although these children live only 20 minutes away from each other in and around Jerusalem, they are separated by the nearly impenetrable barrier of war. Inheritors of prejudice, dogmatism and suspicion engendered by ancient hatreds, they share common enemies — death, loss, fear — along with the everyday obsessions of youth everywhere: sports, clothes, school, hanging out with friends.

A collaborative venture by Justin Shapiro, Carlos Bolado and B.Z. Goldberg, all of Berkeley, "Promises" was shot in 1997 and 1998 with follow-up interviews in 2000 — a period of relative peace in the Middle East.

"We wanted to make something that reflected the nature of these children," says Shapiro, 38. "They have their own humor, their own idiosyncrasies. Children of that age are especially wonderful to work with because they're not as self-conscious as teen-agers. They are really very candid and they see things very simply and honestly. They say the conflict is about land. And in a way, it's adults and the politics that make



CHILDREN OF JERUSALEM share their feelings and perceptions about the Middle East conflict in "Promises," a documentary by Berkeley filmmakers that's featured in the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival.

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it seem more complicated."

Shapiro did not have politics on his mind when she went to Israel in spring 1995 on a routine assignment for "Lonely Planet," the travel-adventure cable TV program for which she was host and co-writer.

Once there, however, she made a series of connections that would be the genesis of the "Promises" project.

One notable meeting was with

a 13-year-old Palestinian girl who was visiting a beach on a school trip. "We were smiling at each other and I got to talking to her," Shapiro recalls. "But when I asked her what it was like for her to be in Israel for the first time, she spat on the sand and said: 'This is not Israel, this is Palestine.'

"I told her I was Jewish. That moment was almost like a scene from a really bad TV movie: Suddenly her eyes filled with tears

### PREVIEW

■ WHAT: San Francisco Jewish Film Festival; 44 features, 26 shorts

■ WHERE AND WHEN: Wheeler Auditorium, UC Berkeley (Saturday-Aug. 2), Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway, Redwood City (July 29-Aug. 2); Rafael Film Center, 1118 Fourth St., San Rafael (Aug. 4-6); "Promises" will be shown today at 1 p.m. at the Castro and July 31 at 8 p.m. at the Fox

■ HOW MUCH: \$8.50 regular admission per program; discounts and packages available

■ CONTACT: 925-866-9559, www.jff.org

and this expression of shock and confusion and betrayal crossed her face. I realized I was the first Jew she'd ever spoken to, and I wasn't the demon she expected me to be. She walked away from me without a word."

That encounter and others like it, Shapiro says, opened her eyes. "I had read a lot about the Middle East, but I hadn't ever really felt how Palestinians and Israelis were living it day to day. In the West, we get used to politics being something intellectual. The violence, the passion and the emotions are disconnected from the events."

Later that year, Shapiro returned to the region with Goldberg to do research and to interview hundreds of kids from different areas. "You turn a corner in Israel and there's an issue," Shapiro says. "Jews and Palestinians love to talk

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### EVENTS

Oakland Public Library — ALL BRANCHES — "Read! Make It Your Thing!" through Aug. 6. Teens in grades 8 through 12 are invited to participate in the library's annual teen summer reading program. (510) 238-3848 or [www.oaklandlibrary.org](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org)

OAKLAND HISTORY ROOM — "Celebrating 50 Years of the Oakland History Room," through Sept. 15. This exhibit features rare photographs, programs, scrapbooks, postcards and manuscripts. Main Library, 125 14th St. (510) 238-3222

BROOKFIELD LIBRARY/BIBLIOTECA BROOKFIELD — "Rotary Center Small Animals Program," Aug. 2, 2 p.m. 925 Edens Ave. (510) 615-5725

EASTMONT BRANCH — "African American Genealogy Class," July 28, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Peggy Woodruff leads the course. (510) 615-5974

7200 Bancroft Ave. (510) 615-5726

WEST OAKLAND BRANCH — "Chess Workshop for Children," Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. 1801 Adeline St. (510) 597-5049

Free. Oakland, (510) 238-3134 or [www.oaklandlibrary.org](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org)

Contra Costa County Library — ALL BRANCHES — "Treasure Your Library Summer Reading Program," through Aug. 25. Children may participate in this reward-based program to encourage summer reading.

KENSINGTON BRANCH — "Family Story Time," Tuesdays, 7 p.m. through July 31. For all ages Contra Costa County. (800) 984-INFO or [www.contracosta.lib.ca.us](http://www.contracosta.lib.ca.us)

Cody's Bookstore — Odette Larsen and Alexander Cockburn, July 27. The authors discuss Larsen's memoir about her adolescence near Las Vegas and her experience with the dark side of Oakland's streets during the '50s and '60s.

BOOK CLUBS — "Kids' Summer Reading Club," July 28, 11 a.m. At 1730 Fourth St. "Spanish Book Club," Aug. 3. Free. Readings at 7:30 p.m. and at 2454 Telegraph Ave unless noted otherwise. Berkeley, (510) 845-7852

Marcus Book Store — Alice Randall, July 27. The author reads from "The Wind Done Gone," a literary reinvention of "Gone With the Wind" told from the point of view of Scarlet O'Hara's mulatto half-sister Barbara Neely, July 28. The author discusses "Blanche Passes Go," about intrigue and revenge. Events are free and start at 6:30 p.m. unless listed otherwise. 3900 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Oakland, (510) 652-2344.

Oakland's Historic Downtown Walking Tours — The tours cover downtown Oakland and its historic waterfront. All tours begin promptly at 10 a.m. and last about an hour and a half. Reservations are recommended but not required.

"First Tuesday Tour." Visit City Hall and learn about its restoration. The tour also visits Frank H. Ogawa Plaza and city administration buildings. Meet at the front steps of City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza.

SUMMER DOWNTOWN WALKING TOURS — through October.

"Historic Churches and Temples." July 28. Visit three historic places of worship and learn about the architecture as well as the influence of the churches in the development of Oakland. Reservations encouraged. Meet at the First Presbyterian Church, Broadway at 27th Street.

Oakland Chinatown, Aug. 1 and Aug. 18. This bustling Asian Center is the fifth largest Chinatown in the United States. Visit the sidewalk markets filled with fresh fish, barbecued duck, exotic fruits and vegetables. Walk through the herb shops and see fresh noodles being made. Reservations encouraged. Meet at the Pacific Renaissance Plaza Fountain at 9th and Webster Streets.

Jack London's Waterfront, Aug. 4.

Tour the Port of Oakland and learn about Jack London. Visit the Jack London Museum and see the restored yacht of President Roosevelt, the USS Potomac. Reservations encouraged. Meet in front of the Colors Restaurant, 101 Broadway.

Free. Oakland, (510) 238-3234 or [www.oaklandnet.com](http://www.oaklandnet.com)

Oakland Heritage Alliance Walking Tours — through Aug. 26. Each year, the organization adds new tours to its roster. For 2001, "West Oakland: Rehabilitated Victorians" and "Oakmore" have been added. This summer's focus is on Oakland waterways and includes stops at the lake, Laney College channel and the estuary at Fifth Avenue Point.

"Brockhurst Street," July 28, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Built up around 1900, this West Oakland neighborhood was home to Anne Brigman, Delilah Beasley, C.L. Dells and other giants of the city's history.

Meet at the Calou House, 3251 Martin Luther King.

"Rebuilding Oakland Point," July 29, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The area developed in the 1870s at the terminal

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## Burton's 'Apes' monkeyshines work

■ Revisiting 'Planet' is enjoyable enough, thanks to the film's strong visuals

By Mary F. Polk

STAFF WRITER

You know the drill. Astronaut crash-lands on a planet where apes rule and humans are caged, enslaved and treated like animals. Observing his plight, we reflect on humanity's ills and sign up for PETA.

In director Tim Burton's enjoyable but hardly radical version of the classic Pierre Boulle sci-fi novel that already spawned five movies and a TV series, Mark Wahlberg plays the astronaut. He's Captain Leo Davidson, a frustrated pilot whose timid commander prefers to send trained chimps into dangerous situations. "He's the canary, that's the coal mine," the commander says, blasting Leo's affable charge Pericles into the heart of an electrical storm.

Heroically trying to save the chimp, Leo is zapped by the electrical storm and sent forward in time 400 years. But he's not so disoriented that he doesn't know

### REVIEW

■ WHAT: "Planet of the Apes"

■ STARRING: Mark Wahlberg, Helena Bonham Carter, Tim Roth, Estella Warren

■ RATING: PG-13 (action/violence)

■ RUNNING TIME: 1 hour, 59 minutes

■ WHERE: Opens today at area theaters

■ GRADE: B-

to run when he lands smack in the middle of a pack of humans being chased by warrior apes through the forest. The pack, including dredlocked Karubi (Kris Kristofferson) and his puffy-lipped daughter Daena (model Estella Warren), prove no match for the apes, though. They quickly land in a cage, at the mercy of a slave trader named Limbo (Paul Giamatti), providing comic relief.

Fortunately for Leo, a human-rights activist, Ari (Helena Bonham Carter), takes a shining to him (she flirts by picking at his hair) and is easily persuaded to



FROM "THE GREEN MILE" to "Planet of the Apes": Michael Clarke Duncan prepares to lead his troops into battle against those pesky humans.

help him escape the ape city.

Naturally there's an obstacle, the human-hating Thade, who commands the army and has a crush on Ari.

Somewhere under Thade's extensive makeup is Tim Roth, who has reigned supreme as a cinematic villain since his "Rob

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## Actors Ensemble stages melodrama

■ Vaudevillian mind readers, dead politicians, intrigue and a valuable postage stamp — it's all at the Live Oak Theatre

“BACKWARD, TURN BACKWARD, O

Time, in your flight,/ Make me a child again just for tonight!”

Change the last half of the couplet to "Take me to Live Oak Theatre for the show there tonight" and you have placed yourself in a theatrical time warp to enjoy "The Great Sebastian," a genuine old-time melodramatic comedy.

Actors Ensemble of Berkeley is even doing the Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse play in three acts with two intermissions. The format is a holdover from the old days before playwrights and producers telescoped the action into two and a single break.

Recently, some local theaters have been presenting marathon works that run for 90 minutes to almost two hours without a break. It does a lot for sustaining momentum and



JACK TUCKER

Community Theater

refuse and that lands them in a heap of trouble.

Rudi and Essie are hired by one of the new big shots to do their mind-reading act at his home. He hopes to use their insights — ha! — to uncover a traitor in his government. The play backfires. The Sebastian family find themselves prisoners, with their life savings (in the form of a valuable postage stamp) in the hands of the enemy.

All ends happily, of course, this being a comedy.

True to its melodrama origins, the show is suspenseful, plot-oriented — lots of interesting stuff about how mind reading is done — and heavily (and humorously) bravura in acting style. Director Rachel J. Heffler keeps the action moving at a fast pace with a large cast that seems to be having fun.

A tiny quibble. There are more laughs in this comedy than the actors were able to coax from the opening night audience. That might improve as the cast settles into the run — weekends through Aug. 11 — and sharpens the timing of the lines.

Tickets are \$10. Live Oak Theatre is at 1301 Shattuck

Ave. (at Berryman), Berkeley. Call 510-528-5620.

DERRING-DO AT CCC: That wonderfully durable and dueling piece of derring-do, "The Three Musketeers," is coming to Contra Costa College's Performing Arts Center this weekend and next.

This is an original adaptation by the CCC Drama Department and the Young Actors Workshop of Alexander Dumas' novel.

Under the guidance of Susan Worthing, artistic director, and Tim Zenor-Davis and Laura Elaine Ellis, associate directors, the company of talented and energetic actors promises to take us on a journey through time as the actors weave a tale of the escapades of the Three Musketeers and the people they encounter.

Ellis and Peter Temple have been working with the students on some of the fine points of stage combat and swordplay. Should be action aplenty for the whole family.

Show at the Performing Arts Center at the edge of the campus, El Portal Drive and

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BILL MANN  
Multimedia Notes

Please read  
this outdoors

L ast month, ABC-TV aired a prime-time special reported by controversial John "WGBH" correspondent John Stossel. The show's premise was basically that extremists had infiltrated both the educational system and the media.

In one segment, Stossel assembled a panel of scientists who agreed with hot-air source Bill Lambright that global warming was a myth, that such climate "changes" were both natural and had historical

precedent.

Most of us in Northern California are concerned about the environment, and those of you who saw this show probably found it more than a bit ridiculous — even though few of us have ever chained ourselves to a tree, leave alone lived in one. Still, we do love our redwood forests.

When some visitors from the east, like me, try to take them to a redwood grove, usually the peaceful Armstrong Woods State Park near Guerneville up in Sonoma County. Neither words, pictures, or sound can begin to describe the cathedral atmosphere and awe we feel.

Saying this, I know I'm an environmental extremist. I mean I see one, and they do too. But they don't have any more power than Stossel's images.

And although I've taken up watching the past two years (which automatically makes me suspect among some low Republicans), I don't think I'm one of the media types Stossel so glibly identified. I found his ABC hour annoying and absurd, partly because he was obviously seeking controversy, but mostly because his supporting evidence was so flimsy.

Next Wednesday evening comes the perfect antidote: The admirable Sir David Attenborough, the BBC commentator

who brought color television to Britain and who has done such acclaimed BBC/PBS specials as "Life on Earth," "Living Planet," and 1998's wonderful eight-part series, "The Life of Birds."

Attenborough, who has sufficient scientific respect that he's a Trustee of the British museum, has the goods — hard scientific evidence — to refute all of Stossel's assertions.

His superb new BBC three-part special, "State of the Union," premieres at 8 p.m. Wednesday on the Discovery Channel. Make a note now so you don't miss this show. And just because of its stunning photography, some of the most beautiful and eye-popping on TV in years. Watch because Attenborough, hardly a flake or an extremist, has both careful reasoning and proof behind him.

As usual, the peripatetic Attenborough has the full resources of the BBC here (he's the former top Beeb exec) including access to many of the top scientific experts in the world and the ability to be in an Ecuadorian rain forest in one scene, Kenya the next, then up in Oregon woodlands for a segment on the spotted-owl controversy.

Refreshingly, instead of being business or Bush-bashing, Sir David calmly looks at his case, showing that he's far more biodiversity oriented than anyone ever imagined — an estimated 100 million species of flora and fauna (most of them microorganisms) have yet to be identified. He gets past the politics and headlines and demonstrates how science is my beginning to learn about the natural world (e.g., only 5 percent of the world's ocean has been explored). He conveys that man, by modifying the environment at an unprecedented rate today, is basically playing dice with nature. And it's all done without

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## FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Titles and showtimes subject to change.  
Call theaters for information.

Compiled by: Hollywood.com

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Showtimes for Friday, July 27.

## Alameda County

## Act I &amp; II

2128 Center Street, Berkeley 843-FILM

• Hedwig and the Angry Inch (R) 7:15, 9:45

• Scary Beast (R) 7:00, 9:30

## Albany Twin

1115 Solar Avenue, Albany 843-FILM

• The Anniversary Party (R) 4:15, 6:45, 9:00

• The Closet (Le Placard) (R) 4:00, 6:30, 9:45

## California Theatres

2113 Kittredge Street, Berkeley 843-FILM

• A.I.: Artificial Intelligence (PG-13) 1:45, 5:00, 7:00

• Made (R) 11:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:40, 10:00

• With a Friend Like Harry (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

## Century 16 Bayfair Mall \*

350 Bayfair Mall, San Leandro 481-0123

• America's Sweethearts (PG-13) 11:05 a.m., 1:25,

1:30, 2:45, 4:00, 5:15, 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:35

• Baby Boy (R) 7:25, 10:15

• Cats & Dogs (PG) 11:20 a.m., 1:35, 3:45, 5:50, 8:00,

10:25

• Dr. Dolittle 2 (PG) 11:35 a.m., 1:45, 4:05, 6:15, 8:25,

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• The Fast and the Furious (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15,

4:45, 7:15, 10:00

• Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within (PG-13) 12:25

• Jurassic Park III (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 11:45 a.m.,

12:30, 1:35, 2:20, 3:00, 3:45, 4:30, 5:20, 6:20, 7:10,

8:00, 9:30, 10:30

• Kiss of the Dragon (R) 2:00, 5:25, 7:40, 10:10

• Legally Blonde (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 2:25, 4:50, 7:05,

9:25

• Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., noon, 1:00,

2:00, 4:20, 5:35, 6:45, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 10:30

• Scary Movie 2 (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:20, 3:25, 5:25,

7:35, 9:40

• The Score (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:25,

• Shrek (PG) 11:35 a.m., 2:30, 4:40

## Century 25 Union City Landing \*

3210 Union City Landing, Union City 487-5933

• A.I.: Artificial Intelligence (PG-13) 9:30

• America's Sweethearts (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 11:30

• Baby Boy (R) 6:50, 9:50

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• America's Sweethearts (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 11:30

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• Jurassic Park III (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 11:45 a.m.,

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8:00, 9:30, 10:30

• Kiss of the Dragon (R) 2:00, 5:25, 7:40, 10:10

• Legally Blonde (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 7:05,

9:25

• Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 7:05

• Scary Movie 2 (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:20, 3:25, 5:25, 7:35, 9:40

• The Score (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:20, 3:25, 5:25, 7:35, 9:40

• Shrek (PG) 11:35 a.m., 2:30, 4:40

## Chabot Cinema

2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555

• Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 4:15

7:00, 9:45

## Chabot Space &amp; Science Center Tien Megadome \*

10300 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 336-7300

• Antarctica (NR) 2:30

• The Mysteries of Egypt (NR) 11:30 a.m., 3:30, 6:30

• Solar Max (NR) 12:30, 7:30

• To Be An Astronaut (NR) 10:30 a.m., 1:30, 4:30

## Elmwood

2965 College Avenue, Berkeley 649-0530

• Amores Perros (R) 4:35, 9:00

• Big Eden (PG-13) 4:30, 7:05

• Brother (2001) (R) 1:45, 4:35, 7:25, 9:50

• Jurassic Park III (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30

• Planat of the Apes (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 9:45

• Shrek (PG) 11:35 a.m., 2:30, 4:40, 7:05, 9:20

## Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley \*

2511 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 848-1143

• Beau Travail (R) 5:45

• The Misfits (NR) 7:30

## Grand Lake Theater

3230 Grand Avenue, Oakland 452-3556

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## Mann Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward \*

1900 Haszelden Boulevard, Hayward 765-6000

• A.I.: Artificial Intelligence (PG-13) 8:00

• Atlantic: The Lost Empire (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2:00,

4:30

• Baby Boy (R) 10:45

• Cats & Dogs (PG) 11:00 a.m., 1:20, 3:35, 5:50, 8:00,

10:15

• The Fast and the Furious (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2:00,

4:30, 7:00, 9:45

• Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within (PG-13) 11:40 a.m.,

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• Shrek (PG) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:45

## Naz 8 \*

3940 Aragona Way, Fremont 797-2000

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## Oakie Theater \*

1075 Soto Avenue, Berkeley 526-1836

• Bridget Jones's Diary (R) 1:15, 3:15, 7:15

• Cats & Dogs (PG) 1:30, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00

• Lost and Delirious (NR) 9:00

• Scary Movie 2 (R) 5:15, 9:15

## Piedmont Theatre

418 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland 843-FILM

• The Anniversary Party (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30

• The Closet (Le Placard) (R) 1:00, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10,

9:10

• Scary Beast (R) 1:00, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:40

## Shattuck Cinemas \*

2330 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-FILM

• The Anniversary Party (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30

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2400 Hesperia Blvd., Emeryville 928-3000

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**DOLITTLE 2**: An energetic, pleasant movie, with plenty of clever animals and a cast of endearing animals. The movie is funny and raunchy from the first. — M. Polis (R: sex, violence) 1 hour, 25 minutes. B+

# Calendar

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## Children

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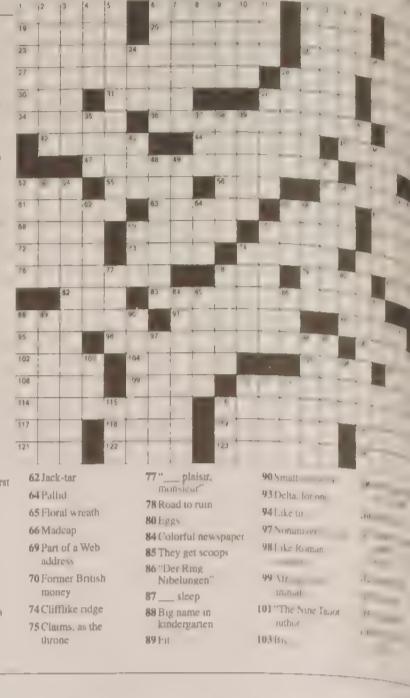
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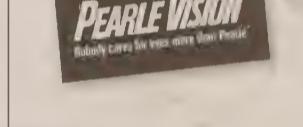
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1023 Shattuck Ave., features "Sistahs: Ceramic Ceramics," the creative work of Renata Gray, through Aug. 15. Her artwork revolves around geometric patterns and designs. Her inspiration is based on relationships, love, marriage to women, men, and nature. The opening reception is 1-3 p.m. Sunday, July 29. Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Black uses the ancient method of encaustic painting in layers of wax and pigment are melted and fused. For more information, call 707-823-5281.

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**Literary Events**

**Poetry Flash** @ Cody's, 2454 Telegraph Ave., presents poets Justin Chin and Gerry Gomez Pearlberg, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5. Chin, a strong performance poet writes about a broad array of ideas, from science to his travels in Asia to immigrant life in America. Pearlberg reads from her new collection, "My Bluebird." Poetry Flash at Cody's is a collaboration between Poetry Flash Magazine and Cody's Bookstore. Readings begin at 7:30 p.m., \$2 donation. Call 845-7852 for more information.

**The Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore**, 1385 Shattuck Ave., presents "An Evening with the Wild Women Travel Writers Group," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday July 31. The group will read from their new anthology and a panel discussion on travel writing will follow. The event is free. Call 843-6725 for more information.

**The Reading Edge** is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Alston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must compete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call the Reference Desk at 644-6646 to set up a training session.

**Meetings**

**Berkeley Camera Club** meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northgate Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Share your slides and prints and learn what

other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more information, call Don at 525-3565.

**Kensington Senior Activity Center** meets from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The West Contra Costa Adult school and community volunteers present the Center's program of life-long learning. Attend any class or event. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Volunteers of all ages are needed. Call 526-9146 or 547-1969 for more information.

**Disabled American Veterans Chapter 25** meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more information, call R. DeRitt, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-6364.

**The YWCA** offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public and the variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way.

**Public speaking skills and metaphysics** come together at Avatar Metaphysics

meets every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, on Solano below Arlington. Call Betty Coates 235-0490 for more information.

**Joy of Yiddish:** Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 844-6107 for additional information. The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Details: 524-3765.

**The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group** meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye, a rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503.

**Toastmasters on Campus** meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

**Overeaters Anonymous**, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church,

Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

"**Voice of Healing**" is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley. Call 526-1235 for more information.

**State Health Toastmasters Club** meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkley Way. Details: 649-7750.

**Higher Alignment:** 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays, fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships. Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (415) 461-5337.

**Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group** meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1:20-3:20 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

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**TOPS:** 9:30 a.m., Mondays, Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Marin, 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.

**Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center** and **East Bay Neurology** sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

**Music**

**All Akbar College of Music** presents Rita Sahai, vocals; Rachel Unterberger, violin; Madhukar Malavaray, tabla; Dhruva Ghosh, sarangi; and Uttam Chakraborty on tabla, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10 at the St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Tickets: general \$20, AACM members and

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### Theater, Dance & Film

**Shotgun Players**, present Joe Orton's comedy "Loot," opening 8 p.m. through Aug. 26 at LaVal's Subterranean Theatre, 1834 Euclid Ave. The play directed by Reid Davis, features Andy Habran, Jonathan Gonzalez, Alex Lopez, Renee Penegor, Greg Lucey, and Danny Wolanin. General admission: \$15 and \$10 for students and seniors. Call 655-0813 for more information or visit the Web site at Shotgunplayers.org.

**Speakeasy Theatre**, 2016 7th St., presents Lyle Kessler's "Orphans" through Sunday Aug. 5. Times: 8 p.m. Friday through Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday. Orphans tell the tale of a mysterious stranger who invades the home of two orphaned brothers, and shatters their sheltered world of crime and self-deception. Tickets: \$15 general. For ticket and reservations call 326-8493. For more information about the performance, call 415-831-2222.

**Contra Costa Civic Theatre**, 951 Pomona Ave. presents "West Side Story," continues through Aug. 11. Times: Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Sundays: 2 p.m. Tickets: \$15, \$6 for 16 and under. For more information, call 524-9132. For group sales: 524-6654.

**Learn easy international folk dances**, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2 and \$1 for kids. For more information, call 525-1130.

**Family Folkdancing** takes place on the third Sundays, 1:30-3 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schulz Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Call 632-3713 for additional information.

**Swing Dance Classes!** Learn East Coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at The Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. For more information, call Michael Marangio at 528-7858.

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Folkdance classes, Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across from the Kensington Library).

Simple and clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun.

Cost: \$30 for 6-week session (prorated fees apply), \$8 for drop in session.

For more information, call Mel

Harte, at 848-5289 before 9 a.m. **Via Community College**, 2020 Milbrae St., offers its new Sunrise College this spring with classes in accounting, e-commerce, business, Java programming, English, ESL, statistics and Spanish for business professionals. Classes start at 7 a.m. and end at 9 a.m. Call 981-2600 for more information.

**Assets Senior Employment** offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Learn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Class starts soon. Call 238-3554 for more information.

**The Albany YMCA** offers after school classes for elementary and middle school age children. The YMCA offers sports and dance programs, gymnastics and Hip Hop and enrichment programs such as cooking, sewing and art. Financial assistance always available. For more information, call 525-1130.

**Julia Morgan Center for the Arts**, 2640 College Ave., offers a family-friendly program of classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into people's everyday lives. Classes take place at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts. For more information, including complete class descriptions, fees, and instructor bios, see www.juliamorgan.org or call 845-8542 for a brochure.

**The Berkeley Adult School (BAS)** offer Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be utilized to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and computer classes, ranging from introduction to Computers to Advanced Computer Applications. Call 644-6130 for additional information.

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scape and garden design business in the East Bay. Cost is \$10 for non-members; \$7.50 for members. Call 548-2220 to reserve a space.

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Section D

**Classic Classics** Vintage VW Beetle well traveled [D4]



heat sensor alarm  
can save kids'  
and dogs' lives

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last  
in the "She Said" column.  
The young woman was hurrying  
from the supermarket parking lot  
when she saw a uniformed policeman  
approaching her. "What's happening?"  
she asked. "What's happening?"  
she was evident in her voice  
demeanor.

The scene was caught on TV  
and the voice-over explained:  
"What's happening is that her two  
young children left in the car while  
she ran into the store "for just a  
moment" could have died."

Close-up of the policeman, his  
hands under tight control, lecturing  
the young mother. "Don't you know  
that it can get in there?" Apparently  
not, and neither do many  
parents.

According to statistics released  
by General Motors and the National  
Safe Kids campaign, at least 120  
children have died of heatstroke in  
parked cars since 1996. Most  
children were — like the children  
in time in the minivan — younger  
than 3 years old.

Extreme heat affects infants and  
children disproportionately," says Dr. Martin Eichelberger,  
in the head of trauma surgery  
at Children's National Medical Center  
as well as the president and  
chief of Safe Kids.

Heat rapidly overwhelms the

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CHEVROLET AVALANCHE goes from SUV to pickup truck with ease thanks to well engineered Midgate conversion.

## Chevy Avalanche changes everything about trucks

The 2002 Chevy Avalanche is  
not exactly a sport utility vehicle and  
it's not a pickup truck. Avalanche, a crossbreed,  
is dubbed the "Ultimate Utility Vehicle."

To put it simply, the Avalanche looks  
like an SUV with a short  
pickup bed. But in a matter of a  
minute this supposedly-looking SUV  
converts into a full-size pickup truck  
with an 8-foot bed. The magic in this  
abracadabra maneuver is called the  
"Midgate."

The General Motors Midgate design  
should go down in the automotive  
history books as the most

arrestingly functional design innovation

that will single-handedly

change the way people buy trucks.

There are currently an estimated

30-million households with both a

pickup truck and sport utility vehicle

in the driveway.

General Motors is betting that

the Avalanche will be the all-in-one

answer to the truck need. Perhaps

the second vehicle in the driveline

will eventually become a car.

I found the size and stance of

the Avalanche intimidating. The

truck is nearly 222 inches in length,

80 inches wide, stands about 74

inches high and has a curb weight of  
more than 5,500 pounds.

I also expected to be somewhat  
hassled in converting the five-passenger  
car into a pickup bed, anticipating getting my shins knicked,  
fingers pinched and shoulders knocked.

But the Midgate design is so well engineered, it's easier to

convert the cab than it is to make

instant oatmeal.

While I simultaneously read the  
instructions in the owner's manual,  
it took me about a minute to fold  
down the 60/40 second row seats  
and unlatch and store the rear window  
to convert the cab into a pickup.

The rear window stores in a  
clever lockable hideaway in the wall  
between the passenger cabin and  
pickup box.

This barrier is the vital organ of  
the Avalanche. It is the sheath that  
defines the Midgate feature. It is the  
aorta to the heart of the Avalanche.

That the Midgate is constructed so

well and operates so efficiently, its  
development can be likened to a  
medical science breakthrough for  
the automotive industry.

Other design elements that contribute  
to the forceful presence of  
the Avalanche are the large body-side  
composite moldings around the lower portions of the truck.  
These protective exterior elements  
reduce body damage from gravel  
and debris that kick up in off-road  
conditions.

Sail panel at the back end of the

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## Have engine mounts checked for banging

**Dear Doctor:** We own a 1993 Dodge Caravan four-cylinder with only 39,000 miles. When I shift to reverse the engine races, a bang occurs and the van jumps backwards.

When I am in drive, it feels like the exhaust is hitting the undercarriage at a stoplight in drive. It recently had a full tune-up. What can you suggest? **Isabelle**

**Dear Isabelle:** Engine mounts are a very common problem on four-cylinder pre-1995 Dodge products. I suggest you take the van to a shop and ask the technician to check all engine mounts, including the top transmission mount on the driver's side.

A worn mount will cause engine movement and vibrations, along with higher idle speed and banging when the car is shifted in gear.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1991 Mazda MPV minivan with the four-cylinder engine. When I try to start the vehicle, too much gasoline goes to the engine.

I cannot get any trouble codes out of the computer and the "check engine" light is on. Can you help? **James**

**Dear James:** If the engine is squirting too much fuel, check the fuel pressure and coolant temperature sensor. Also see if the injectors are grounded as soon as the key is turned on. Remember, with the key on, there are 12 volts going to all injectors. The computer grounds the injectors as needed.

A faulty computer or bad injector can also cause this problem. I would suggest towing the van to a shop that has knowledge of your minivan. Let the technicians check it, and if you want to make the repair, then you do it.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1989 Oldsmobile wagon with the 5.0-liter V-8 engine. The "check engine" light came on. I looked for trouble codes and found a code 34, indicating a map sensor problem.

The engine runs fine. I disconnected the battery to clear the computer. The "check engine" light came back on. What

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needs to be done?

**Dear Tony:** Both vacuum and voltage need to be checked at the map sensor. A broken (cracked) vacuum hose is a common problem on older vehicles.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1995 Lincoln Mark VII. Recently, I had difficulty seeing the road at night. I went to the dealer and he said that the inside headlight reflectors were burnt a brown color. The only repair was a replacement headlight assembly at a cost of \$1,500.

I wrote to Ford Motor Co. and never received a response. It seems that Ford does not care about its loyal customers.

I never had the headlight assembly fail on any of my other cars. What can you suggest?

**Dear Andy:** I have seen many of the new designed headlight capsules that have failed on both domestic and import vehicles. You do have a couple of options.

First, check with the local auto body shop. You may be able to find good used or aftermarket headlight assemblies. I would also call the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and register a complaint (800-424-9393). If enough owners complain about the same safety concern, an investigation could be opened up.

As for the letter you wrote to Ford, write another letter and send it by registered mail.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1993 Nissan Altima GXE. I have been trying to find a way to increase power. I would like to spend about \$350. What can be done?

**Dear Dee:** There are not a lot of options to increase power on the Altima. I would recommend only two items. The first is a cold air filter package, not just an open air filter that sits under the hood.

The Midgate could put GM on a roll. And it all starts with the Avalanche.

Powering the 2002 Avalanche is the 5.3-liter Vortec V-8 that produces 285 horsepower at 5,200 rpm and 325 pound-feet of torque at 4,000 rpm. Chevy engineers say 90 percent of its peak torque is available from 1,600 to 5,000 rpm, which is important for owners who plan to tow or haul. Maximum trailering rating is 8,300 pounds in the 2WD model and 8,100 pounds in the 4WD version. Payload capacity is 1,363 pounds for the 2WD, 1,322-pounds for the 4WD.

My 4x4 tester had a base price of \$33,245, but with the Z71 off-road package and other optional features the price came to \$37,556.

The Z71 package included 17-inch blackwall tires, specially-tuned Bilstein front and rear shocks, skid shields, rear locking differential, and stylish supersized aggressive rubber floor mats.

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The second is a low restriction exhaust system, not just a big outlet noise-maker. You will notice an increase in power and maybe even an improvement in gas mileage.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1998 Chevrolet full-ton pickup 4.3-liter V-6 with 60,000 miles. After traveling 50 miles, I heard a heavy jarring sound when the transmission shifted from first to second gears. I still have the problem and there is also a clunk when I shift it manually.

The dealer checked it and said there is a trouble code for the TCC solenoid. The cost of transmission service repair is \$550. What do you think? **Tom**

**Dear Tom:** The transmissions in most late model vehicles are electronically controlled. There are very few mechanical adjustments to change shifting patterns. Some companies sell reprogrammers that will alter shifting and engine management controls.

As for the clunk sound, there is a lot of movement between the long driveshaft and suspension. Some clunking is normal in the driveline.

Chevrolet does sell a special grease that is applied to the front driveshaft yoke. This is a very slippery grease that sometimes eliminates some of the noise. The clunk should not be a safety concern.

As for the \$500 cost of repair, try an independent transmission shop for an opinion and price.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1995 Pontiac Sunbird with the 3.1-liter V-6 powerplant. When I start the engine, I smell antifreeze. The smell goes away after a couple of minutes. There are no signs of any problems. What do you think? **Sam**

**Dear Sam:** I would have the car checked by a local shop for a small coolant leak, particularly at the water pump. The 3100 Series engine has a good track record and no major head gasket leaks; however, I have seen some head-to-intake manifold gasket problems.

Send questions to: **Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakeville, MA 02347.**

## Drive

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body's inability to regulate temperature. In a closed environment the body can go into shock, and circulation to vital organs will begin to fail.

Even when the vehicle windows are opened several inches, interior temperature in a car can mount quickly, particularly in dark-colored cars.

With an outdoor temperature of 93 degrees, the interior will reach 125 degrees in 20 minutes, and 140 degrees in 40 minutes. That extreme heat can kill a child or do serious permanent damage.

Surveys have shown that younger parents (between 18 and 24) are twice as likely as older parents to say it's OK to leave children unattended in a parked car. And the younger parents are more likely to have children younger than 3, those most vulnerable.

GM and Safe Kids have launched a national public awareness campaign to alert parents and caregivers to the risks of leaving children unattended in parked vehicles, even for a quick dash into a store for a single item.

"These quick forays have a way of lengthening into dangerous minutes," one concerned observer of a child in a locked car said to me. She had seen the ponytailed driver dash for a drugstore entrance, leaving two small children and a small dog in the back seat.

"Call me a busybody, but I'll stay here 'til she gets back. My watch is timing her and my cellphone is set for 911."

A less happenstance sort of surveillance has been devised by GM and was unveiled in April. It is scheduled for the marketplace in 2004.

The GM device is a sensor designed to work when a vehicle's engine is turned off. The sensor sends a low energy radio signal throughout the coverage area of the interior, detecting movement as slight as a

sleeping infant's breathing. Having detected a caput, the sensor triggers a built-in alarm.

If the temperature is high enough for concern, the rate of change of the temperature is used to determine if that is so. The alarm is a non-sounding siren with a distinct staccato-like Morse code.

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"GM has shorted ship when it comes to protecting our children," says Heather Paul, Ph.D., director of the

**SAFE KIDS Campaign.**

"We will be working with parents who are often leaving their children face-in-warm weather to look forward to this new technology."

The sensor would also guard for pets left in vehicles. Unfortunately, it's likely that those served by the sensor are those to buy it.

When the device goes on sale, it will be wise to market it to concerned parents.

These are the people who know young parents firsthand and recently witnessed these forgotten children face-in-warm weather to pick up bikes dropped behind car.

Grandparents can foresee wrongly, a similar lackadaisical toward infants or toddlers. GM's device will lend them peace of mind, or leave them alone in a vehicle."

Grandparents that the sensor should save lives.

"Just as important, however, is the need to get the message out: It is never safe to leave a child alone in a vehicle."

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Avalanche give structural support to the truck and visually connect the cab and the bed.

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# Mercedes-Benz scales down to attract U.S. buyers

**HERB SHULDINER**  
Down the Road

But he believes there is more to lure buyers than just the lower price.

Despite being the least expensive Mercedes, the sports coupe is as technologically advanced as other Mercedes models, especially in the area of safety.

For instance, the C-Class sedan has eight airbags. The coupe even has side airbags for rear-seat passengers, even though there are no rear doors. In addition, the car has side air curtains that deploy from the roof to cover side windows in the event of a side impact.

Of course, there are front airbags and side airbags for the driver and front-seat passenger.

The coupe has the same body structure as the C-Class sedan, which scored high marks in 40-mph frontal offset crash tests conducted by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Also included are active safety fea-

tures, such as stability control, brake assist with ABS and a suspension that allows the driver to steer around potential obstacles without losing control.

Living up to its designation as a sports coupe, the C-Class offers lively performance and handling. Its 2.3-liter, 192-hp four-cylinder engine can propel the car from 0-60 mph in 7.9 seconds with its six-speed manual transmission.

The car's five-speed automatic transmission, which accomplishes the same feat in only 1/10-second longer, utilizes touch shift, enabling the driver to shift gears manually without using a clutch.

Like the six-cylinder engine in the sedan, the four-cylinder engine in the coupe has a dielectric oil quality sensor. This is located in the oil pan and constantly monitors the oil level, as well as the buildup of contaminants in the oil.

By comparing this data with the length of time the car is driven and the type of driving, the system informs the driver when oil changes are

needed, which may be anywhere between 10,000-20,000 miles as opposed to the usual 3,000 miles on most cars.

Mercedes is so confident of this system that it doesn't provide scheduled oil changes by miles driven. The system is so effective that Mercedes does not even provide a dip stick to check engine oil level, allowing the dielectric sensor to do the job of monitoring oil level automatically.

Enders says Mercedes expects to sell about 8,000 of the new coupes this year and about 16,000 in its first full year in the marketplace. He adds that the car was created for the U.S. market.

The C-Class coupe is the model that Mercedes needed to cope with the growing luxury category offerings from mass produced brands such as Honda and Toyota.

Enders says that luxury class offerings from mass produced brands have soared by 200 percent in the last five years. Now he feels confident that Mercedes can compete with those new models.

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**BMW HIGH SCORES:** For the third consecutive year, the BMW brand has ranked higher than any other in Strategic Vision's 2001 Total Quality Index, a premier measure of

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# Parisian finds his ideal 1959 VW Bug

Stephan Cartier may be French, but he has always preferred German cars, especially the early VW Beetles.

In the early 1990s, his job with Air France took him to the French West Indies. To avoid island fever, he would often take his wife and young son to the United States for relaxation — leaving his Beetle sedan in Guadeloupe.

On one such trip in 1993, Cartier and his family were enjoying the sun and sand in Florida when he heard about a VW convertible for sale in Savannah, Ga.

Since it was not too far away, he went to see the vehicle. It was love at first sight. The 1959 convertible was the car he always dreamed about. Because it seemed to be in excellent condition and had been driven only 55,000 miles, he bought it on the spot.

Cartier and his family flew back to Guadeloupe while the Beetle was trucked to Miami and then shipped to Pointe-a-Pitre via Puerto Rico and St. Martin. He and his fellow members of the Guadeloupe Beetle Club cheered.

Once the vehicle arrived, a closer examination disclosed a typical Beetle malady: a rusted floor pan. Cartier had the body removed and a new floor pan welded into place. With the car back together, Cartier strove to maintain the originality as much as possible.

**Company struts its stuff with SUV cargo hold**

BY GARY MCCOY  
MOTOR MATTERS

Sport utility vehicles are made to be roomy. And a new device promises to open up even more SUV space.

Knox Industries, the maker of the Cargo Strut, says the product triples interior SUV storage by stowing the third seat in an upright position.

The Cargo Strut sets up in seconds and provides more usable space without having to remove the third seat. It requires no drilling or assembly, and there are no loose parts or pins. All Cargo Struts have integrated locking grooves with self-locking safety latches.

It firmly anchors the seat upright with no room for movement or vibration. In addition to the safety mechanisms, the Cargo Strut features reinforced steel construction and a tough vinyl coating.

The Cargo Strut is available for the Ford Excursion (2000-01), Ford Expedition (1997-99), Lincoln Navigator (1998-99) for \$49.95 and Chevy/GMC Suburban (1992-2000 Classic) for \$69.95. The Cargo Strut is available directly from Knox Industries at 877-465-6699, or order online at [www.knox.com](http://www.knox.com).

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Though most companies manufacture wheel covers only in black or gray, American Stitches offers custom colors and two-tone applications. It costs \$189.99 for leather rewrapping of the steering wheel all the way up the spokes.

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der the front hood next to the jack. The jack is designed to simultaneously lift the front and rear tires on one side of the car. With the hood closed, the gas cap is secure.

The emblem on the trunk handle is a stylized version of the emblem of Wolfsburg, the community where Volkswagens are built.

On either side of the hood, just below the bulbous headlights, are two horizontal grilles. Only the left one is authentic in that its sole purpose is to allow sound from the horn to escape. The right one provides only visual balance.

There are 10 slots in the rear engine hood, five on each side. They allow the free flow of air and help keep the engine cool. Only convertible models have these, augmenting the traditional slots above the engine hood and below the rear window, which is real glass in a traditional convertible-lined top.

Inside the snug little cabin is an 80-mpm speedometer seen through the two-spoke steering wheel. Because there is no gasoline gauge, a lever near the accelerator can be turned if the car runs out of gasoline. Once turned, the lever provides a reserve tank of about one gallon, enough to drive about 30 miles.

The heater knob is located on the floor between the front bucket seats, near the

Normally, when the exterior of a Beetle is painted, the dashboard should be as well. So Cartier had the dash repainted, but left the gearshift pattern in the original state.

In 1995 Cartier was transferred back to Paris. Because the car was so light, he had it flown back with his household goods.

The vintage Volkswagen proved to be advantageous in the streets of Paris. But in January 2000, Air France moved Cartier to Alexandria, Va.

This time the car was transferred from France to the United States on a ship. By now the car's four-cylinder, air-cooled engine had been rebuilt. Almost everything but the original block had to be replaced. Cartier, not adverse to changing parts, says, "I don't like to change the originality of the car."

For example, he decided to preserve the radio amplifier from 1959 mounted under the front hood even though a lot newer sound equipment is available.

Other details of his convertible: The 5.60x15-inch wide white sidewall Firestone tires on the ground have a fifth cousin un-

der the front hood next to the jack. The jack is designed to simultaneously lift the front and rear tires on one side of the car. With the hood closed, the gas cap is secure.

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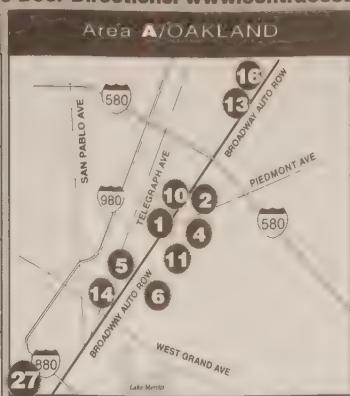
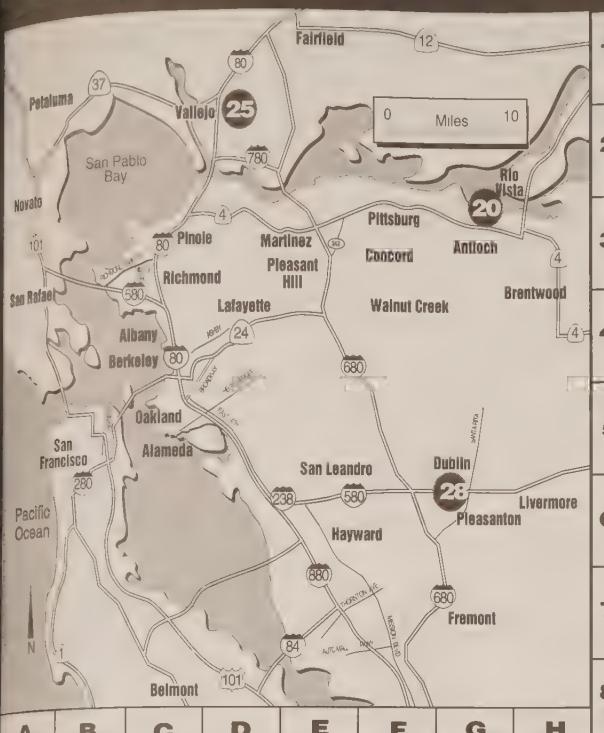
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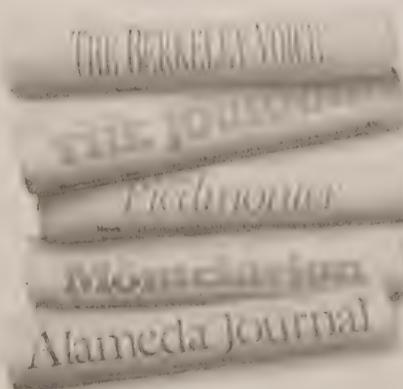
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Wasabi is found in powdered wasabi form in Japanese markets and in many larger supermarkets.

The recipe is among those in "The Best and Fabulous Fish chapter in Better Homes and Gardens' "Dinnertime Express" (Meredith, \$19.95).

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### Wasabi-Glazed Whitefish with Vegetable Slaw

Preparation 15 minutes, cooking time 8 minutes

Serves 4

4-ounce fresh skinless white-fleshed fish fillets (such as trout, sea bass or orange roughy), about 1 inch thick

2 tablespoons light soy sauce  
1/2 teaspoon toasted sesame oil

1/2 teaspoon sugar  
1/4 teaspoon wasabi powder or 1 tablespoon prepared horseradish  
1 medium zucchini, coarsely shredded (about 1 1/3 cups)  
1 cup sliced radishes  
1 cup fresh pea pods  
2 tablespoons snipped fresh chives  
3 tablespoons rice vinegar

Rinse fish; pat dry. In a small bowl combine soy sauce, 1/2 teaspoon of the sesame oil, 1/4 teaspoon of the sugar, and the wasabi powder. Brush soy mixture over fish.

Place fish in a well-greased wire grill basket, tucking under any thin edges.

Grill fish on the rack of an uncovered grill directly over medium heat for 8 to 12 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork, turning basket once halfway through cooking.

Meanwhile, for vegetable slaw, in a medium bowl combine zucchini, radishes, pea pods and chives.

Stir together vinegar, the remaining sesame oil and remaining sugar.

Drizzle over the zucchini mixture; toss gently to coat.

Serve fish with slaw.

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# Breaking a few eggs

If your mother never taught you how to make an omelet, here are some tips.

BY ALISON ARNETT

THE BOSTON GLOBE

David Rossetto gazes quizzically when asked when he learned to make an omelet.

It's a Frenchman's look, slightly bemused that anyone would even wonder if a lesson was involved in this most Gallic dish.

"You learn omelets without even thinking," he replies.

"Your mother teaches you," he says. He must have been about 10-years-old when he mastered his first one, he says. "An omelet is part of our culture."

Rossetto is the chef of a small French restaurant that he and his wife, Michelle, own.

Omelets aren't on the menu, he says, because the restaurant is open only for supper, when he serves such classics as pork tenderloin with sweet peas à la Française and caramelized onion jus and duck magret with green pepper sauce.

In France, omelets are on lunch menus only, served with a green salad. And sometimes, he adds, people eat omelets after a very late night out.

But never for breakfast (We won't tell if you have one in the morning or make a light supper out of one).

The American versions are usually overcooked and contain too many ingredients, thinks Rossetto, who grew up in Chaumont, a small town near Dijon in Burgundy.

Although filled omelets are popular at home, the more common luncheon dish is seasoned with finely chopped herbs or maybe some wild mushrooms.

Omelets have such a revered place in French cuisine that they're usually ordered by degree of done-ness, as one would order a steak.

Bavaise is for those who like their centers runny, a point for medium, and bien cuit for well done.

Rossetto remembers going to a restaurant in the Basque region of France where only omelets were served.

He cooked in Nice for several years and often made the Nicoise specialty of poitine omelets, filled with tiny sardines and anchovies and seasoned with lemon juice and olive oil.

Later, he worked in a restaurant in New York, where egg white omelets were popular. "Not very appetizing," he says, "and hard to make" because they stuck to the pans.

At home, Michelle makes the omelets.

David Rossetto likes to sprinkle his with white wine vinegar, an idiosyncrasy all his own.

## Omelet tips

- Stainless steel bowls work well for mixing. Use a table fork, not a whisk, to stir the eggs.

- Use a 6-inch skillet with a non-stick finish. If a nonstick pan is not available and you use an ordinary frying pan, coat the pan's surface with more butter.

Size and coating on the pan are more important than the quality of fat, Rossetto says.

- Heat the butter to foaming, but do not let it brown.

- A short cooking time is of the essence so that the omelet doesn't get tough.

- Use only butter; margarine will change the taste.

- Make omelets one by one.

### David Rossetto's 3-Egg Omelet

Serves 1

The whole operation of making one omelet should take 30 to 45 seconds.

Work quickly and have a warm plate near the stove top.

3 large eggs

1 tablespoon each (or to taste) finely chopped chives and tarragon

Salt and pepper, to taste

1 tablespoon butter

4 flat parsley leaves (for garnish)

1/4 cup finely diced tomato (optional)

**Per serving:** 333 calories, 19 grams protein, 4 grams carbohydrates, 26.5 grams fat, 668 milligrams cholesterol, 309 milligrams sodium, .5 gram fiber. Calories from fat: 72 percent.

1. Have on hand a 6-inch non-stick skillet, a long metal palette knife or a rubber spatula.

In a bowl with a fork, lightly beat the eggs, chives, tarragon, salt, and pepper. Mix the ingredients well, but don't overbeat.

2. Set a 6-inch nonstick skillet over medium heat. Pick up the butter on the tip of a knife and move it around the pan to coat the surface thoroughly. (You actually need only about 1 teaspoon of the butter, but it's easier to coat the surface if you have more on the knife.)

The butter should be foaming but not browned.

3. Pour the egg mixture into the pan and immediately begin gently stirring with the metal palette knife or rubber spatula, shaking the pan gently at the same time.

If you want a browned omelet, stir only a little so that the bottom surface browns.

If a pale surface is desired, stir more vigorously for 15 seconds, so that the egg mixture keeps moving in the pan. It should be firm on the bottom.

4. Slide the omelet toward the end of the pan (the opposite side from the handle) so that the egg cake rises above the rim.

With the spatula, turn the top quarter of the egg at the rim over the still-soft center. (Rossetto does this by tapping his hand on top of the handle — but be gentle.)

Then shake the pan a little and using the spatula, fold another quarter, pressing down with the spatula. Tuck the edge closest to the handle under the omelet to close it.

5. Using the spatula, carefully slide the omelet onto a plate and garnish it with the parsley leaves.

It should be slightly crescent-shaped with pointed ends.

If you like, sprinkle the omelet with very tiny squares of chopped tomato.



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BY ERIC TUROWSKI

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It's really far too late to give any advice now. You really should've had your game plan down in the Spring. But it's a losing game, no matter how you play it. The game is, of course, zucchini.

It works one of two ways. Either you played offense back in February by planting the ubiquitous squash (and you're now trying to give the things away), or you're playing defense now, trying to avoid friendly gardening neighbors' offers of the tubular veggies.

Okay, once in a while is fine. But every gardener knows that every time you turn around, you find another one stashed under the cover of big leaves. I have almost come to the point of accusing other neighbors of stashing their extra squash under our already-harvested plants.

So, either you grew them yourself, or your friends and coworkers are pawning them off on you. A no-win situation. You got 'em. Now, what do you do with 'em?

### Fried Zucchini

Serving Size : 4

Preparation Time : 0:10

1 zucchini

1 tablespoon margarine or butter

1 dash salt

1 dash pepper

1 onion

Put frying pan on medium heat. Add margarine or butter. Slice the zucchini crosswise. Chop onions. When margarine has melted, add zucchini. Add spices to taste. Fry until zucchini is browned. Do not cover, it will make zucchini soggy.

This simple recipe also works for other vegetable such as summer squash and egg plant.

From "The Real Man's Cookbook" by W. J. Raymond

### Zucchini Bread (take one)

Yield: 4 Servings

6 Eggs

2 cups Oil

4 cups Grated squash

2 cups Sugar

6 cups Flour

4 teaspoons Cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon Baking powder

2 teaspoons Baking soda

2 teaspoons Salt

2 teaspoons Vanilla

Combine ingredients in a large bowl, mix well. Pour into greased and floured loaf pans. Bake at 350 for 1 hour. Serve hot or cold with butter, cream cheese, or just plain. Mmmmm. Variations: Applesauce or pumpkin bread — use same as zucchini, but add 3 cups water and ginger. Another thing I did often, was bake the batter in cupcake/muffin tins. Then when the kids wanted a snack, they could just take "one" without the worry or mess of slicing from the loaf.

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# More stores are adding self-checkout lanes, but will they catch on?

BY SAMANTHA LISKOW  
KANSAS CITY NEWSPAPERS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — On a recent shopping trip, Dave Collins' 9-year-old daughter insisted they head for their local K-mart in Olathe, Kan. She wanted to teach him what she had learned with Mom: how to do-it-yourself in the checkout lane.

"It's pretty much all she's been doing about," said Collins, as he and his wife, Linda, loaded up the car with groceries they had selected, bagged and paid for themselves. This is a draw:

New self-checkout scanners are showing up in increasing numbers. In the Kansas City area alone, they have popped up at Dillons in Olathe and K-mart in Overland Park, Kan., dependence, Mo., Plate Woods, Kan., and Kansas City, Kan. This summer the machines move into new Festival Foods in Kansas City. Wal-Mart is testing models in some markets and may consider them here.

At K-mart and Dillons, managers say self-checkout has been even more popular than they expected. Dave Vitale, manager at the store on Metcalf Avenue in Kansas

City, said one-third of customer traffic has gone through self-checkout since the machines arrived in April.

At Dillons, self-checkout makes up 20 percent to 25 percent of all transactions at the 151st Street and Mur-Len store, said store manager Tim Graas.

In the competitive world of grocery and retail, self-checkout is a new strategy to attract customers and deal with constant shortage of employees. But once the novelty of the technology wears off, self-checkout's popularity could wane.

Self-checkout first crept into the Kansas City market three years ago. That's when Hen House at 87th and Lackman, in Lenexa, Kan., introduced the country's first Self-Checkouts, the NCR Corp. brand of self-checkout machines.

In April 1998 soon after the two scanners were installed, the store manager told a reporter that customers used the technology even when checker lines were empty. Yet on a recent Wednesday, at 5:30 p.m., both machines sat idle while customers lined up three or four deep at the other registers.

Barb Ramsour, director of infor-

mation systems for Hen House, looked at the latest user numbers and concluded: "It's not pretty." Self-checkout now represents only 6 percent of transactions at the Lenexa store.

"I think when they were new, it was a little more 'wow,'" said store manager Eugene Eubanks. "Anything new, it wears off."

Since releasing these first machines, NCR has updated its technology. The new machines, like those in K-mart, are often installed in groups of four and require a staff member to be on hand to help customers.

For customers using Hen House's older, generally unsupervised machines, getting a glitch resolved can be frustrating.

"If the staff doesn't invite customers to use them, they'll shy away. That's where the employee is crucial," said K-mart's Vitale. "If they have a good experience the first time, the customer will come back and use them."

A manager taught Delta Crawford, 75, how to use K-mart's new

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NEW YORK TIMES

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The float may have been created about 100 years ago, encouraged in part by the Temperance movement. Floats and other fountain classics like ice cream sodas — always made without alcohol — soared in popularity until the end of Prohibition. There are theories that the float was encouraged, if not developed, by soft drink companies, including Hires and A&W, the root beer makers, and Coca-Cola, to boost soda fountain sales.

The classic float is a glass of iced cold root beer into which a scoop or two of vanilla ice cream is gently dropped. Buoyed by the carbonated drink, the ice cream floats to the top and can be spooned while the soda is sipped.

A tall glass, preferably tapered, will help keep a good head on the soda and the ice cream on top.

Traditionally, the soda goes in first, then the ice cream. But for ice cream lovers, a scoop can be put into the glass first, and then, once the liquid is added, at least one more scoop should be added last. Whipped cream can provide a final embellishment.

Because a float is made without ice, it is important to have all the components, including the glass,

well chilled.

## Ginger Float with Green Tea Wasabi Ice Cream

Adapted from Atlas

Time: 20 minutes plus chilling and freezing  
 1 teaspoon wasabi powder  
 1 teaspoon powdered green tea (matcha)  
 ¼ cup whole milk  
 ¼ cup heavy cream  
 ½ cup sugar  
 3 egg yolks, beaten  
 4 stalks fresh lemon grass  
 4 bottles Stewart's Ginger Beer,  
 1 Place wasabi and green tea in a saucepan. Gradually whisk in milk, then heavy cream, until smooth. Bring to a boil. Remove from heat, and stir in sugar. Gradually whisk in egg yolks. Return to stove, and cook, stirring, over medium heat, until slightly thickened. Do not allow to boil. Transfer to a metal bowl, and refrigerate until cold, then freeze in an ice cream maker.

2. Place 2 generous scoops ice cream into each of 4 tall glasses. Garnish with lemon grass. Top with ginger beer and serve.

## Wild Strawberry Float with Raspberry Champagne

Adapted from Le Bernardin

Time: 30 minutes, plus chilling overnight and freezing

1 cup sugar  
 1 pint strawberries or, preferably, ½ pint wild and ½ pint cultivated, hulled  
 ½ pint raspberries  
 1 bottle brut Champagne.

1. In a saucepan mix ¼ cup of sugar with ½ cup water, and boil until sugar dissolves. Quarter the cultivated strawberries. Place all strawberries in a blender, pour in sugar syrup, and blend until pureed. Strain. Refrigerate until cold, then chill in an ice cream maker. (Commercial strawberry or raspberry sorbet can be substituted.)

2. Bring ½ cups water and remaining sugar to a boil until sugar dissolves. Add raspberries, and refrigerate overnight.

3. To serve, pour 3 tablespoons raspberry juice into each of 8 Champagne flutes. Place 3 raspberries in each glass. Add Champagne until three-quarters full. Top each glass with scoop of sorbet.

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# Back to the same old grind?

THE WASHINGTON POST

When it comes to herbs and spices, fresh ground, as needed, is best. Grind dried coriander, cumin, tarragon or thyme, and they explode with hidden aroma and flavor.

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What's new? At the 2001 International Housewares Show, held in Chicago this month, OXO debuted Grind It — a soft-grip grinder with an adjustable ceramic grinding mechanism that can be snapped onto OXO's collection of 24 herbs and spices.

The color-coded caps have measurement markings inside. Available individually (\$19.95) and in sets (\$29.99 to \$34.99). Refills are \$4.99. Available at housewares and kitchen specialty stores.

## Green Apple Pucker Float

Adapted from Four Seasons Hotel

Time: 15 minutes

Juice of 1 lime  
 2 tablespoons simple syrup  
 ½ cup DeKuyper Sour Apple Pucker liqueur  
 6 ounces Perrier, chilled  
 2 scoops green apple or lime sorbet

Slice of lime for garnish.

1. Stir lime juice and syrup in a tall chilled glass. Stir in liqueur. Add Perrier.

2. Top with sorbet, garnish with lime, and serve.

Note: For simple syrup, boil



A SPICE BOX photographed in South Africa holds turmeric, coriander and cumin. From "Life" cookbook by Troth Wells.

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**Zucchini**

From Allrecipes.com, submitted by Laura.

**Chocolate Zucchini Cake**

2 1/2 cup flour  
3/4 cup butter  
2 1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1 1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 cup cocoa  
2 cups sugar  
3 eggs  
2 cups shredded zucchini  
1/2 cup milk  
1 tablespoon vanilla

Combine the flour, baking soda, baking powder, and cinnamon, and add to the wet mixture, and mix well. Finally, stir in the zucchini and eggs. Divide the batter evenly between the two pans.

Bake for 1 hour in the preheated oven, or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean.

Cool in the pan for 15 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely.

Recipe from Allrecipes.com, submitted by Sarah.

**Stuffed Zucchini**

This is good served with French bread and a salad.

Prep time: approx. 10 Minutes. Cook time: approx. 1 Hour. Makes 12 servings.

zucchini  
1 pound pork sausage  
1/2 cup dry bread crumbs  
1/2 cup garlic, minced

1/2 (ounce) jar spaghetti sauce  
1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese  
1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Trim stems from zucchini and lengthwise. Scoop out seeds and put in bowl.

Mix seeds with sausage, garlic, bread crumbs, and parmesan cheese.

Stuff squash with sausage mixture and place in 9x13 inch baking dish.

Pour sauce over squash and cover with foil.

Bake in preheated oven for 45 minutes, or until sausage is browned.

Remove foil and cover with mozzarella cheese. Cook until cheese melted.

1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine sugar, cornstarch and add chocolate, salt and 1/2 cup of water. Cook, stirring until thickened and bubbly and chocolate melts.

Remove from heat; add butter and vanilla. While hot, frost cake.

Recipe from Pagewise Inc.

**Grilled Zucchini Pizzas**

If you grow zucchini you know it's best when young and small.

However, it grows so fast that sometimes you end up with a bunch of humongous squash 15-20 inches long and 12 inches around.

These are perfect for this recipe.

Prep Time: approximately 10 Minutes. Cook Time: approx. 10 Minutes. Makes 10 zucchini pizzas.

1 large zucchini  
1/2 cup butter, melted

3 cloves crushed garlic  
1/2 cup mozzarella cheese  
1/4 (ounce) can pizza sauce

1. Slice the Zucchini into thick rounds.

Combine the melted butter and crushed garlic in a small bowl, set aside.

2. When the coals on your barbecue are almost burned down, lay your zucchini slices on the grill.

Let cook for three minutes then turn over and brush the butter/garlic mixture on each slice.

Cook for three more minutes

and turn over again and brush the other side with the garlic and butter.

3. Cover the slices with pizza sauce and cheese and let cook until the cheese begins to melt.

Recipe from Allrecipes.com, submitted by Kit.

**Zucchini and Onion Pancakes**

I like to grate and freeze zucchini. Just be sure to drain well before using.

Also you can slice and freeze separate slices on a cookie sheet and then put into bags and they won't stick together.

Prep time: approx. 15 Minutes. Cook time: approx. 15 Minutes. Makes 6 servings.

3 zucchini

1 large onion

1 teaspoon dried oregano

salt and pepper to taste

1/4 cup butter

1. Grate zucchini and onion into a medium bowl, and drain off excess juices. Stir in the oregano and salt and pepper to taste.

2. Heat a frying pan over medium high heat and melt butter in the pan.

When butter has coated the pan, arrange the zucchini in a flat layer over the bottom of the pan.

Fry until golden brown on both sides, about 5 minutes per side. Serve warm.

Recipe from Allrecipes.com, submitted by Carol.

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Shell Chemical's RMP and Preliminary Audit Findings are complete. A forty-five day public comment period for both the RMP and Preliminary Audit Findings will begin July 26, 2001 and will end September 10, 2001. The RMP and Preliminary Audit Findings can be reviewed at the Contra Costa Health Services Hazardous Materials Programs Office at 4333 Pacheco Blvd., Martinez, Call (925) 646-2286 for an appointment. The RMP and Preliminary Audit Findings can also be reviewed at the Martinez Public Library.

Written comments, postmarked no later than September 10, 2001, are to be sent to the following:

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## Checkout

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machines after she accidentally wandered into the self-checkout aisle one recent afternoon. Soon Crawford was scanning shirts herself.

"That's easy, that's OK," said Crawford, who doesn't own a computer, can't figure out why her VCR light keeps blinking and doesn't think most people her age are comfortable with technology.

Crawford said she likes to talk to checkers, so on most days she'd prefer the regular lines. But "if there was a long line I would use (self-checkout) again."

For many customers, the big question with self-checkout will be: Can it save me time?

When ATMs appeared, the time benefits soon became clear. People no longer had to go inside a bank just to get cash.

Self-checkout isn't such an obvious timesaver. According to a story in USA Today, self-scanners can save shoppers between 15 seconds and 15 minutes.

Hen House's Ramsour said that self-checkout is best for times when the customer has few things to check and the other aisles are busy. (Most stores limit self-checkout to 15 items.)

"A cashier can scan like 30 items a minute, and those units scan about 10, but the customer's in control," Ramsour said. "They feel like they're getting out of the store quicker that way."

Area managers insist that self-checkout technology does speed things up for customers. Also, store employees say, the technology helps alleviate the perennial problem of labor shortages.

Sue Jenter, who sometimes monitors the 151st Street Dilsons' 4-month-old U-Scans — machines similar to NCR's but made by a different manufacturer — said customers express concern for her. "When these first got installed, there were two things everyone asked: 'Can these take cash?' and 'Are they going to fire all you checkers?'"

Yes, they take cash and Jenter said don't worry about the checkers. Stores have a hard enough time finding checkers and baggers.

"We've had times when we couldn't open up all the registers. It's an industrywide problem," said Dilsons' manager Tim Graas, half of whose "front-end" employees are teenagers. "We actually ended up

During the early-evening rush at the Dilsons on 151st Street, Larry Thacker stood in a full-service line to buy two items. Thacker, who worked in grocery stores for years,

watched the self-scan action in the next aisle.

"I don't want to deal with it, I'm not in a hurry," he said. "And it seems to me like there's a bigger cluster of people (in self-scan) usually. That guy over there has been there for five minutes — I'll be out of here before he is."

Most of the holdup at Dilsons seemed to come from people unfamiliar with, or downright confused by, the machines' features.

Jenter, the self-checkout supervisor one Tuesday, spent most of her time running between machines, explaining to customers why they must place their items in a bag, on a scale, after they scan them. This is the key security feature of self-checkout. The machines compare the weight of the item bagged with the programmed weight of the item scanned, watching for discrepancies that might signal error or theft.

But no signs in Dilsons explain this to customers, and if an item was too big for the small plastic bags customers would often place the item directly in their cart or on the floor. This could cause the machines to lock up, and Jenter to have to assist.

Other problems, Jenter said, come from produce without stickers or other items customers might need to look up on the machine's computer.

"Children 7 or 8 years old will come up and have no fear and use them perfectly," Jenter said. "Adults will expect them to be hard or confusing and are very leery of them."

At Kmart as well, some customers had trouble getting their items to scan, causing the employee on duty to scamper around.

"What we've found is that people get used to how to do it," said Dilsons manager Graas. "It should get faster."

Jenter agreed and predicts that despite problems, self-checkout will be a permanent fixture at the front of many stores.

"I think most stores are going to go with this because it gets people through without getting stuck behind a big cart," she said.

At one point during the Dilsons evening rush, one of the four units simply stopped working. "Checkout closed," stated the machine's screen. Jenter couldn't figure out why it shut down, and customers in line stared at the screen while waiting for one of the remaining machines.

The screen called to mind a more old-fashioned grocery store problem: standing in line during the after-work rush, staring at a perfectly good aisle with its light off, wondering if someone will come around to flick it on and help people get home a little faster.

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